

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Events

Some items should not be disposed of along with regular household garbage. Several times per year, events are held at various locations within Jefferson County for residents to bring the following household items for free and safe disposal. No commercial waste is accepted.

- Aerosol spray cans (with label)
- Batteries (auto and alkaline)
- Electronics (TVs, computers, etc.)
- Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides
- Fire extinguishers, smoke detectors
- Household cleaners
- Large appliances
- Motor oil and vehicle fluids
- Paint, stains, varnishes and solvents
- Tires
- Used cooking oil
- Paper shredding

For more information call 325-8741 or visit www.jccal.org.

Make the Call!

Unincorporated Jefferson County

Illegal Dumping:
Call 582.6555

Water Pollution:
Call 325.5792



Reporting what you see in your community can help protect your health, safety and water quality!

Call 911 to report chemical spills or potentially hazardous incidents.

How You Can Help

Preventing water pollution is everyone's responsibility. You can do your part at home by being careful to properly use and store fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, solvents, paints, and other chemicals so that they cannot be washed by rain into the storm drain system and empty into our waterways. Every positive effort adds up to make a significant difference to our local water quality!

- ALWAYS properly dispose of trash and other unwanted items.
- Read and follow package label directions when using yard chemicals or household cleaners.
- Fix or repair leaks on your vehicles and other equipment. Collect and recycle used oil.
- Properly dispose of or donate old paint.
- Pick up pet waste and discard in the trash.
- Capture rainwater from your roof or downspouts for watering the lawn and inedible plants.
- Secure your loads when transporting items or materials before driving on roadways.
- Participate in Household Hazardous Waste Days to properly dispose of old cleaners, solvents, batteries, paint and other chemical waste.
- Schedule an educational program for your organization, event or neighborhood association. Call 325.8741

Learn more at:
www.jccal.org/ds

Illegal Dumping Affects YOU!



Jefferson County Stormwater Program

Department of Development Services

Room B-200

Jefferson County Courthouse

716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd North

Birmingham, AL 35203

205.325.8741

What is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal dumping occurs when people do not properly discard household trash, yard debris, household items, construction waste, and other materials. Instead, they illegally put it where it does not belong. It is against the law to improperly dispose of unwanted materials because they have the potential to cause harm to people, communities and the environment. Local ordinances prohibit illegal dumping. People convicted of illegal dumping can be fined and/or serve jail time.



Game cameras are being used to identify and prosecute offenders!

Illegal Dumping Enforcement

It is illegal to improperly dispose of materials under Section 13A-7-29(e) (1975) of the Alabama Code and Jefferson County Administrative Order AO-2016-010.02. Jefferson County investigates dump sites to obtain evidence which is used to identify the suspected perpetrators.

From the evidence found at the dump site, a citation is issued, and the suspected perpetrators are interviewed to obtain additional information. Based upon the evidence found and information obtained during the interview, a fine of \$500 plus court costs can be levied against the perpetrators for each violation. In some cases, the perpetrators can be sentenced to serve jail time.

Effects of Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is both ugly and dangerous. Illegal dumping can be an eyesore for a community, affecting property values and future growth and development. Studies show that communities affected by illegal dumping and littering also have higher crime rates than communities which are kept clean.

Illegally dumped trash can create an ideal breeding area for mosquitos which can cause life threatening diseases. Illegal dump sites attract undesirable and sometimes dangerous wildlife such as racoons, wild dogs, rats and snakes. Many household items like unwanted appliances and electronics contain toxic chemicals which can harm people, animals and the environment if released. Illegally dumped trash and other items can be carried by rainwater into the storm drain system (storm drains, ditches, culverts, etc.) which empties into local creeks and streams causing water pollution.



Household trash that is illegally dumped attracts rats, snakes and other undesirable wildlife to the community. Some wildlife carry viruses and pathogens which can spread to humans.

Where to Dispose of Materials

Residents transporting material to these sites must cover their loads to prevent trash from blowing onto roadways.

Mt. Olive Landfill 631-8258
101 Barber Blvd, Gardendale, AL 35071
Hours: Residential Convenience Center
Monday-Friday 7am-5pm, Sat 7am-12pm
Cost \$12.00 for the first 400 pounds; \$33.70 per ton thereafter

Turkey Creek Landfill 681-6307
7035 Narrows Road, Pinson, AL 35126
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7am-3pm, Saturday 7am-12pm
Cost: \$12.00 per load (pickup truck or car)

Johns Transfer Station 426-5444
5125 Bessemer Johns Road, Bessemer, AL 35023
Hours: Monday-Friday 7am-4pm, Saturday 7am-12pm
Cost: \$12.00 for the first 500 pounds, \$35.25 per ton thereafter

Peabody Convenience Center 497-0318
11510 Lock 17 Road, Bessemer, AL 35023
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 7am-5pm
Cost: \$8.50 per load (pickup truck or car)

Unincorporated Jefferson County residents can purchase regular curbside pickup services through a solid waste vendor.

Where to Recycle

The following recycling drop off centers accept most recyclables such as paper, cardboard, and plastics 1 & 2. Call first for hours of operation and for questions.

Birmingham Recycling Recovery 591-8201
Bessemer Recycling Center 425-0068
UAB Recycling Center 996-9043