

Tu Comunidad, El Paso, Keep it Clean, Make us Proud!

How would you feel if your neighbor dumped a bag of trash in your living room? Do you like seeing plastic trash bags waving in the trees and shrubs on a windy day? Do you like coming across a bag of trash in the parking lot of your local grocery store? How would you feel if someone dumped a bag of trash on to your yard?

Upset? Sad? Angry? Rightly so! Illegal dumping, the accumulation of junk, illegal outdoor burning, the illegal disposal of used motor oil, and the pollution of our waterways, affect us all in one way or another. The dumping may not be in your living room, but aren't the streets, the parks, the vacant lots, and the desert our "living room"? We use the streets to move about, and our children play in the parks. Trash diminishes the beauty of our desert and the creatures that live there. So why pollute it?

Illegal dumping creates a real public health hazard:

- Kids can play in trash and could hurt themselves or get sick.
- Trash and chemicals (such as used oil) are hazardous to human health, wildlife, our water sources, and the environment.
- Litter harbors vermin, such as rats and disease-carrying mosquitoes that could potentially kill humans.
- Dirty property reduces its value but also negatively affects the value of other nearby properties.

Our environment is the legacy we leave our children and their children. They deserve better than a polluted earth. So, it is for us to do whatever we can (and we can do something) to keep our community clean and safe by cleaning our own surroundings, reporting polluters, and teaching our children to do the same. Together we can clean-up El Paso and make it a better and safer place to live.

HOW DO I ORGANIZE A CLEAN-UP IN MY COMMUNITY?

1. **Gather people from your community, who care and want to clean-up their community.**
 - ❑ Select a person to lead the clean-up.
 - ❑ Select a date for the clean-up (at least 3 weeks after you first meet).
 - ❑ Clean-up should be from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
 - ❑ Select and identify the area you want to clean.
 - ❑ Select trash collection point(s).
 - ❑ Talk about the issues in your community that contribute to illegal dumping, to try to prevent further illegal dumping.

2. **Tell people about the clean-up.**
 - ❑ Have someone design flyers announcing date, time and place of the clean-up.
 - ❑ Print and make copies of the flyer. Ask one of the community centers in your area to assist you with the printing of the flyer.
 - ❑ Have a group of people help you distribute the flyers to everyone in your community.

3. **You will need the following supplies:**
 - ❑ Volunteers
 - ❑ Gloves
 - ❑ Bags
 - ❑ Rakes
 - ❑ Shovels
 - ❑ First Aid kit
 - ❑ Roll-off (dumpster)
 - ◆ For clean-up within the El Paso city limits, request the dumpster in writing from Solid Waste Management **at least 2 weeks before** the clean-up date. *See sample letter.* May also request roll-offs from City of El Paso Street Dept. **NOTE: roll-offs are much bigger than dumpsters.**
 - ◆ For clean-up outside the El Paso city limits, within El Paso County, you must request the dumpster from El Paso County Roads and Bridges, in writing, **at least 2 weeks** before the clean-up date. *See sample letter.*
 - ❑ Potable water

4. **The leader should contact the following agencies for information and assistance, if the clean-up will be within the El Paso city limits:**
 - ❑ ***City of El Paso Solid Waste Management – at (915) 621-6702***
 - ❖ To pick-up the trash at the collection points
 - ❖ To request dumpsters
 - ❑ ***City of El Paso Street Dept. – at (915) 621-6776***
 - ❖ For dumpsters, roll-offs, hand tools, gloves, and other equipment
 - ❖ To request assistance for Probationers to assist in clean-up
 - ❖ To assist with picking up of trash in truck and/or trailer

- ❑ **Keep El Paso Beautiful – at (915) 546-6742**
 - ❖ Gloves, trash bags
 - ❖ May help w/ supplies and participation
- ❑ **Your local El Paso Police Dept.'s Regional Command Center's PAR (Police Area Representative) Officers - See, Directory**
 - ❖ To help facilitate the clean-up
- ❑ **Graffiti Wipe Out – at (915) 533-3434**
 - ❖ Direct assistance (915) 533-3434: help in the removal of graffiti at designated place w/ the consent of the property owner; provide truck
 - ❖ Indirect assistance (915) 771-8510: may be able to donate paint and other supplies and gives consultation on clean-ups; may be able to arrange for probationers to assist in the clean-up
- ❑ **El Paso Pride – at (915) 834-4949**
 - ❖ To assist in organizing community clean-ups

5. The leader should contact the following agencies for assistance, if the clean-up will be outside the El Paso city limits, in El Paso County:

- ❑ **El Paso County Commissioners – Dept. of Roads and Bridges - at (915) 546-2015**
 - ❖ For roll-offs
 - ❖ You must request roll-offs **in writing** and fax request to Mr. Rivera at **(915) 546-8194 at least 2 weeks before** the date of the clean-up. *See sample letter.*
- ❑ **El Paso County Community Development – at (915) 543-3845**
 - ❖ For approval for Roads and Bridges Dept. to present the request for roll-offs to El Paso County Commissioners
- ❑ **Your local water provider – See Directory**
 - ❖ For additional roll-offs or dump trucks or other equipment
- ❑ **El Paso County Sheriff's RAPTOR Unit/R.A.P.T.O.R. Unit – at (915) 546-2280**
 - ❖ To help oversee the clean-up, if available.
- ❑ **Non-profit organizations in your area – See Directory**
 - ❖ To help distribute flyers
 - ❖ To assist with the clean-up
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6. You should take at least these safety precautions:

- ❑ Wear covered shoes

- ❑ Wear a hat or cap
- ❑ Wear pants (not shorts)
- ❑ Use sunscreen
- ❑ All children should be accompanied by an adult
- ❑ Beware of rodents, insects and other vermin that may be hiding in some of the trash, such as used tires

7. Clean-up Celebration!

- ❑ Ask members of the community may provide food and/or drinks
- ❑ Thank everyone who participated in the clean-up
- ❑ Great Job!
- ❑ **Let's keep our homes and communities clean!**

**SAMPLE LETTER TO
EL PASO DEPT. OF SOLID WASTE MANANGEMENT**

Use this letter to request a dumpster if the clean-up is INSIDE the El Paso city limits.

[Date]

El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste Management
7969 San Paulo
El Paso, TX 79907

Attn: Director

Regarding: Request for Dumpsters for Community Clean-up

Dear Mr./Ms. _____:

The community of [name of your community], in El Paso, will be having a clean-up on [date of clean-up]. This letter is to request the use of [number of dumpsters] of roll-offs and/or dumpsters. Please deliver them to [address of trash collection point], the day before the clean-up.

If you have any questions, I will be the community contact. My name is _____, and I may be reached at [phone number], during the day.

The entire community thanks you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[sign your name]

FAX LETTER TO (915) 621-6711

**SAMPLE LETTER TO
CITY OF EL PASO STREET DEPARTMENT**

Use this letter to request a roll-off or dumpster if the clean-up is INSIDE the El Paso city limits.

[Date]

City of El Paso Street Department
7969 San Paulo
El Paso, TX 79907

Attn: Director

Regarding: Request for Roll-Offs and/or Dumpsters for Community Clean-up

Dear Mr./Ms. _____:

The community of [name of your community], in El Paso, will be having a clean-up on [date of clean-up]. This letter is to request the use of [number of dumpsters] of roll-offs and/or dumpsters. Please deliver them to [address of trash collection point], the day before the clean-up.

If you have any questions, I will be the community contact. My name is _____, and I may be reached at [phone number], during the day.

The entire community thanks you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[sign your name]

FAX LETTER TO (915) 621-6711

**SAMPLE LETTER TO
EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
(ROADS & BRIDGES DEPT.)**

Use this letter to request a roll-off or dumpster if the clean-up is OUTSIDE the El Paso city limits.

[Date]

El Paso County Commissioners Court
500 E. San Antonio Ave.
El Paso, TX 79901

Attn: Director of El Paso County Roads and Bridges

Regarding: Request for Roll-Offs for Community Clean-up

Dear Mr./Ms. _____:

The community of [name of your community], in El Paso County, will be having a clean-up on [date of clean-up]. This letter is to request the use of [number] of roll-offs. Please deliver them to [address of trash collection points], the day before the clean-up.

If you have any questions, I will be the community contact. My name is _____, and I may be reached at [phone number], during the day.

The entire community thanks you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

[sign your name]

FAX LETTER TO (915) 546-8194

WHOM CAN I CALL?

◆ AIR POLLUTION

➤ Outdoor Burning within City limits

- ❑ City-County Health & Environmental District – Air Quality Control (915) 775-5812
- ❑ El Paso Fire Department – (915) 771-1090
- ❑ El Paso Police Dept.- Corresponding Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
- ❑ TCEQ – back-up to City-County Health - Air Quality Control (915) 543-3599; after hours 543-7289

➤ Outdoor Burning outside City limits

- ❑ City-County Health & Environmental District – Air Quality Control (915) 775-5812
- ❑ El Paso County Sheriff's Dept. – RAPTOR Unit or the Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
- ❑ TCEQ – Air Program (915) 834-4949

➤ Smoking Vehicles

- ❑ City-County Health & Environmental District – Air Quality Control (915) 775-5812
- ❑ TCEQ 1-800-453-SMOG (7664); www.smokingvehicle.org

◆ ANIMALS & WILDLIFE

➤ Dead Animals – Public Nuisance

- ❑ City of El Paso Animal Control (915) 532-5966
- ❑ City-County Health & Environmental District – Environmental *General (to report complaints)* (915) 860-2378
- ❑ Solid Waste Management – *Collections* (within City limits) (915) 621-6700
- ❑ Texas Dept. of Transportation – *Collections* (within 50 feet of a public hwy) (915) 790-4316
- ❑ Animal Rescue League of El Paso (915) 877-5002

➤ Dead Wildlife (including migratory birds)

- ❑ Texas Parks and Wildlife (915) 834-7050
- ❑ US Fish & Wildlife Services (915) 872-4765

➤ Wildlife - Nuisance Problems

- ❑ City-County of El Paso Animal Control (915) 532-5966
- ❑ Texas Parks and Wildlife (915) 834-7050 and (505) 882-2910

◆ DISPOSAL OF LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

➤ Unauthorized Disposal of Lead-Acid Batteries Within City Limits

- ❑ City of El Paso, Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement **(915) 541-4386**
- ❑ El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste Management – Special Collections Division (for info on proper disposal) **(915) 621-6700**
- ❑ El Paso Police Dept.- Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
- ❑ TCEQ – **(915) 834-4949**

- **Unauthorized Disposal of Lead-Acid Batteries Outside City Limits**
 - ❑ El Paso County Sheriff’s Dept. – RAPTOR Unit or the Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
 - ❑ TCEQ – **(915) 834-4949**

- ◆ **RAILROADS**
 - **Any problems, violations, illegal dumping, clean-ups, maintenance or railroads**
 - ❑ Union Pacific Railroad – Dispatch **1-800-892-1283**
 - ❑ The Police Dept. that covers the affected area and/or Sheriff’s Dept. RAPTOR Unit (*See Directory*)

- ◆ **SOLID WASTE (TRASH)**
 - **Accumulation of Junk Within City Limits**
 - ❑ City of El Paso, Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement**(915) 541-4386**
 - ❑ El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste Management – Special Collections Division **(915) 621-6700**

 - **Accumulation of Junk Outside City Limits**
 - ❑ City-County Health Environmental District – Environmental General **(915) 860-2378**

 - **Illegal Dumping (including tires) Within City Limits**
 - ❑ City of El Paso Anti-Graffiti (Clean-up) Program **(915) 621-6789**
 - ❑ City of El Paso, Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement**(915) 541-4386**
 - ❑ El Paso Police Dept. – Corresponding Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
 - ❑ El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste Management – Special Collections Division **(915) 621-6700**
 - ❑ TCEQ – Regional Office **(915) 834-4949**

 - **Illegal Dumping (including illegal disposal of tires) Outside City Limits**
 - ❑ El Paso County Sheriff’s Dept. – RAPTOR Unit or the Police Department that covers your area (*See Directory*)
 - ❑ TCEQ **(915) 834-4949**

◆ STATE HIGHWAY PROBLEMS

- **Maintenance within 50 feet of State Highways**
 - ❑ Texas Dept. of Transportation – Maintenance Section – (915) 790-4316

◆ WATER POLLUTION

- **Problems With Río Grande River**
 - ❑ Río Grande/Río Bravo Basin Coalition (for river clean-ups, etc.) (915) 532-1032
 - ❑ International Water Boundary Commission (915) 832-4147

- **Problems With Household Hazardous Waste Within El Paso City Limits**
 - ❑ City of El Paso, Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement (for illegal disposal) (915) 541-4386
 - ❑ City of El Paso Municipal Services if it affects the storm drains **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
 - ❑ El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste Management (for information on the proper disposal of household hazardous waste) (915) 621-6700
 - ❑ El Paso Fire Department (915) 771-1090
 - ❑ El Paso Police Department – Corresponding Regional Command Center (See below)
 - ❑ El Paso Water Utilities – (915) 594-5500
 - ❑ Texas Dept. of Health – Toxic Substances Control Division (for exposure to toxic substances) 512-834-6600
 - ❑ TCEQ 1-800-832-8224

- **Problems With Household Hazardous Waste Outside El Paso City Limits**
 - ❑ El Paso County Sheriff's RAPTOR Unit or the Police Department that covers your area (*See Directory*)
 - ❑ Local Water District (*See Directory*)
 - ❑ TCEQ 1-800-832-8224

- **Recycling of Household Hazardous Waste Within El Paso City Limits**
 - ❑ El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste (915) 593-2784, only on the first Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at:
 - ❖ 7969 San Paulo
 - ❖ 4501 Hondo Pass
 - ❖ 4096 Doniphan (at Doniphan & Frontera)

- **Problems With Industrial Waste**
 - ❑ City of El Paso Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement (within City) (915) 541-4386
 - ❑ City of El Paso Municipal Services (within EP City limits) **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
 - ❑ El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste Mgmt (to set up services within EP City) (915) 621-6700
 - ❑ El Paso Fire Department (within EP City limits) (915) 771-1090

- El Paso County Sheriff's Dept.- RAPTOR Unit or the Police Department that covers your area (*See Directory*)
 - TCEQ – Regional Office **(915) 834-4949 or 1-800-832-8224**

- **Problems With Mosquitoes and Vermin**
 - City-County Health & Environmental District- Vector Control **(915) 594-1568**

- **Problems With Septic Systems and On-Site Septic System Installers**
 - City-County Health & Environmental District – OSSF (On Site Sewage Facility) Division **(915) 860-2378**
 - TCEQ **(915) 834-4949 or 1-800-832-8224**

- **Problems With Swimming Pools Within El Paso City Limits**
 - If draining pool:
 - ❖ City-County Health & Environmental District – Environmental General **(915) 594-1568**
 - City of El Paso, Municipal Services Dept. **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
 - El Paso Police Dept.- Corresponding Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
 - If **not** draining and is in an unsanitary condition - City-County Health & Environmental District – Environmental General **(915) 594-1568**

- **Problems with Swimming Pools outside El Paso City limits**
 - If draining:
 - El Paso County Sheriff's Dept – RAPTOR Unit Hotline or the Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
 - ❖ City-County Health & Environmental District – Environmental General **(915) 594-1568**
 - If **not** draining - City-County Health & Environmental District - Environmental General **(915) 594-1568**

- **Problems with Used/Handling of Oil**
 - City County Health & Environmental District – Environmental General (to report illegal disposal of used oil outside the EP city limits) **(915) 860-2378**
 - City of El Paso, Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement (to report illegal disposal of used oil and is within EP city limits) **(915) 541-4386**
 - City of El Paso, Municipal Services Environmental Division if it affects the city storm drains **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
 - El Paso Fire Department (within El Paso city limits) **(915) 771-1090**
 - El Paso Police Dept., Sheriff's Dept., or other Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
 - El Paso Dept. of Solid Waste Management – Dispatch (to get information on the proper disposal of used oil) **(915) 621-6700**
 - TCEQ – Special Investigations **(915) 834-4949 or 1-800-832-8224**

- **Recycling of Used Oil Open 24 hrs. – Free of Charge**
 - ❑ Texas Dept. of Transportation, in El Paso, Texas
 - ❑ Take your used oil to any of these locations:
 - ❑ **1430 Joe Battle**
 - ❑ **4201 Hondo Pass Dr.**
 - ❑ **6496 Doniphan**

- **Unauthorized Discharge of Pollutants Within the City of El Paso**
 - ❑ City-County Health & Environmental District – Environmental General **(915) 860-2378**
 - ❑ City of El Paso, Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement **(915) 541-4386**
 - ❑ City of El Paso, Municipal Services, Environmental **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
 - ❑ El Paso Fire Department **(915) 771-1090**
 - ❑ El Paso Water Utilities **(915) 594-5500**
 - ❑ TCEQ – Regional Office **(915) 834-4949**

- **Unauthorized Discharge of Pollutants Within the River/Flood Plain/City Sewer Manhole**
 - ❑ City-County Health & Environmental District – Environmental General **(915) 860-2378**
 - ❑ City of El Paso, Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement **(915) 541-4386**
 - ❑ City of El Paso, Municipal Services, Environmental **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
 - ❑ El Paso Police Dept. – Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
 - ❑ El Paso Water Utilities **(915) 594-5500**
 - ❑ TCEQ – Regional Office **(914) 834-4949**
 - ❑ U.S. International Boundary Water Commission **(915) 832-4100**

- **Unauthorized Discharge of Pollutant Outside El Paso City Limits**
 - ❑ City-County Health & Environmental District – Environmental General **(915) 860-2378**
 - ❑ El Paso County Sheriff's Dept. – RAPTOR Unit or the Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
 - ❑ El Paso Water Utilities **(915) 594-5500**
 - ❑ TCEQ – Office of Compliance and Enforcement **(915) 834-4949**

◆ **Whom do I call to get information about how to apply for environmental grants?**

- Río Grande Council of Governments **(915) 533-0998**
- TCEQ, Small Business & Local Government Assistance **(915) 834-4949**

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Border Office **(915) 533-7273 or 1-800-887-6063**

◆ **Where can I recycle?**

- **Every Saturday-Only Sites 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
 - ❑ Andress High School
 - ❑ Coronado High School
 - ❑ Eastwood High School
 - ❑ Franklin High School
 - ❑ Montwood High School
- **Every 1st and 3rd Saturday Sites 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
 - ❑ UTEP's Southeast Parking Lot on Schuster
- **Permanent Drop-Off Sites Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Sat. 8:30 am. To 5:00 p.m., Sun. 12:00 to 4:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified**
 - ❑ Northeast: 4501 Hondo Pass
 - ❑ Northeast: 2492 Harrison at Alabama
 - ❑ Westside: 4096 Doniphan (Doniphan & Frontera)
 - ❑ Lower Valley: 7970 San Paulo
 - ❑ Lower Valley: 9000 Escobar at Zaragosa
 - ❑ Central El Paso: Environmental Center 800 S. Piedras
 - ❑ Central El Paso: 4200 Delta
 - ❑ Central El Paso: El Paso Zoo
 - ❑ Eastside: Americas High School, 12101 Pellicano **Mon.-Sat. 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**
 - ❑ Socorro: 241 Old Hueco Tanks Rd., **Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
 - ❑ Landfills: Clint and McCombs, **Sun.-Sat. 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- **Call Dept. of Solid Waste Management for more recycling information at 59-EARTH (32784)**

◆ **Whom do I call to start a community clean-up within El Paso city limits?**

- Refer to the "How To" Section.

◆ **Whom do I call to start a community clean-up outside El Paso city limits?**

- Refer to the How To... Section

◆ **What can I recycle?**

- **Paper**
 - ❑ Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags
 - ❑ Newspapers with inserts
 - ❑ Magazines
 - ❑ White bond paper
 - ❑ Colored bond paper
 - ❑ Computer paper
 - ❑ Junk mail

- **Plastic**
 - ❑ Clear and colored #1 plastic (soda pop and small clear water bottle containers)
 - ❑ Colored #2 plastic containers (empty dish soap bottles, shampoo bottles and margarine tubs)
 - ❑ Clear or opaque non-colored #2 plastic containers (milk jugs)

- **Metal**
 - ❑ Aluminum cans
 - ❑ Aluminum foil and aluminum pie plates
 - ❑ Copper (clean copper wire, electrical copper wire and copper tubing)
 - ❑ Brass (valves, faucets & pipes)
 - ❑ Iron (tire rims, chairs & siding)
 - ❑ Clean aluminum (Home siding, screen doors & picnic chairs)

- **Household Hazardous Waste (things which are corrosive & flammable)**
Accepted only the 1st Saturday of each month at designated sites.
 - ❖ Lower Valley: 7969 San Paulo Dr.
 - ❖ Northeast: 4501 Hondo Pass
 - ❖ West: 4096 Doniphan (Doniphan & Frontera)
 - **Types of Household Hazardous Waste accepted:**
 - ❑ Used oil and used oil filters
 - ❑ Oven cleaners (unused)
 - ❑ Toilet bowl cleaners
 - ❑ Pool chemicals
 - ❑ Brake fluids
 - ❑ Old medications
 - ❑ All batteries
 - ❑ Drain cleaners
 - ❑ De-greasers
 - ❑ Dry cleaning fluids
 - ❑ Rust removers
 - ❑ Furniture polish
 - ❑ Pesticides/herbicides
 - ❑ Fertilizer
 - ❑ Charcoal lighter
 - ❑ Anti-freeze
 - ❑ Tires
 - ❑ Paint
 - ❑ Solvents

- THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED:**
 - ❑ Explosives (Ammunition)
 - ❑ Radioactive wastes
 - ❑ Business-generated wastes

- ❑ Commercial Hazardous wastes
- ❑ Compressed gases
- ❑ Biomedical wastes
- ❑ Non-hazardous wastes

◆ **Where can I take my extra trash?**

If you live within the El Paso City limits, you can use one of the 8 Citizen Collection Sites listed below. You must bring your water bill with you to show that you live within the City limits.

- **Hours of Operation:**
 - ❑ Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - ❑ Sat. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 - ❑ Sun. 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- **Northeast**
 - ❑ 4501 Hondo Pass
 - ❑ 2492 Harrison at Alabama
- **Eastside** (closes at 2:30 p.m).
 - ❑ Americas High School, 12101 Pellicano
- **Lower Valley**
 - ❑ 7970 San Paulo
 - ❑ 9000 Escobar at Zaragosa
- **Westside**
 - ❑ 4096 Doniphan at Frontera
- **Central**
 - ❑ Environmental Center, 800 S. Piedras
 - ❑ 4200 Delta

◆ **What type of trash do they accept at the Collection Sites?**

- Extra Household Waste
- Tires (8 per resident)
- Yard Waste
- Recyclables
- Furniture
- Appliances

◆ **What is not accepted at the Collection Sites?**

- Household Hazardous Waste
- Commercial waste
- Construction debris and dirt
- Appliances with Freon (such as refrigerators), unless all of the Freon is emptied before drop off.

◆ What else can I do if I can't go to the Collection Sites?

- Request a special collection (prices start at \$15.00)
- Order an additional automated trash container (\$5.00 each per month)
- Take trash to one of the landfills:
 - ❖ Clint Landfill, 23000 Darrington Rd. (Presently, not accepting commercial waste. Call the Clint Landfill to verify when commercial waste will be accepted 872-6059)
 - ❖ McCombs Landfill, 13600 McCombs

DIRECTORY

ENVIRONMENTAL HOTLINE (to report environmental crimes) 1-888-6 EL PASO

- **ANTHONY POLICE DEPARTMENT – Emergency number: 911**
 - ❑ Non-emergency (915) 886-3838
- **CLINT POLICE DEPARTMENT – Emergency number: 911**
 - ❑ Non-emergency (915) 851-1600
- **EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT – Emergency number: 911**
 - ❑ Non-emergency (915) 546-2280
- **EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT – Emergency number: 911**
 - ❑ Non-emergency (915) 832-4400
 - ❑ Central Regional Command Center – (915) 577-5000
 - ❑ Westside Regional Command Center – (915) 585-6000
 - ❑ Northeast Regional Command Center – (915) 759-2000
 - ❑ Mission Valley Regional Command Center – (915) 872-3600
 - ❑ Pebblehills Regional Command Center – (915) 599-5500
- **HORIZON POLICE DEPARTMENT – Emergency number: 911**
 - ❑ Non-emergency: (915) 546-2280
 - ❑ Administrative office: (915) 852-1047
- **SOCORRO POLICE DEPARTMENT – Emergency number: 911**
 - ❑ Non-emergency: (915) 858-6983
- **SUNLAND PARK, NM POLICE DEPARTMENT – Emergency number: 911**
 - ❑ Non-emergency: (505) 589-0764
- **EL PASO COUNTY WATER DISTRICTS**
 - ❑ Horizon Regional Municipal Water District (915) 852-3917
 - ❑ El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District (915) 764-2966
 - ❑ El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 (Irrigation District) (915) 859-4186
 - ◆ Canutillo Office (915) 859-9128
 - ❑ El Paso Water Utilities (915) 594-5500
 - ❑ El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District – Westway (915) 886-3756
 - ❑ El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District #4 - Fabens (915) 764-2212
 - ❑ B & G Land Management (El Paso County M.U.D.S. #1 and #2) (915) 852-0200
 - ❑ Lower Valley Water District (915) 791-4480

- Homestead Municipal Utility District (East Montana) **(915) 857-1051**
- Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District **(915) 857-1092**

City of El Paso Building Permits and Inspections, Enforcement Division

Code Compliance (915) 541-4386

City of El Paso Fire Dept., Fire Prevention Division,

Hazardous Materials Permitting Section (915) 771-1095

City of El Paso, Municipal Services Department

Environmental Division 1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)

City of El Paso Representative

#2 Civic Center Plaza, 10th floor of City Hall, El Paso, Texas 79901

District 1 (915) 541-4151

E- mail address: district#1@elpasotexas.gov

District 2 (915) 541-4416

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District 8 (915) 541-4268

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City-County Health & Environmental District –

Air Quality Control Program (915) 775-5812

Environmental General (915) 860-2378

Food Inspection (915) 541-3645

On-Site Sewage Disposal Facility (OSSF) (915) 860-2378

El Paso City Attorney’s Office

El Paso County Attorney’s Office – Environmental Prosecutor (915) 541-4550

El Paso County Commissioners

500 E. San Antonio 3rd Floor, El Paso, TX 79901

County Judge (915) 546-2098

Precinct 1 (915) 546-2014

Precinct 2 (915) 546-2111

Precinct 3 (915) 546-2144

Precinct 4 (915) 546-2044

El Paso County Sheriff’s Department -

Environmental Hotline 1-888-6 ELPASO

Non emergency number (915) 546-2280

RAPTOR Unit (915) 546-2210

El Paso Department of Solid Waste Management	(915) 621-6700
El Paso District Attorney's Office	(915) 546-2059
El Paso Pride	(915) 834-4949
El Paso Street Dept. Anti-Graffiti & Clean-Up Program	(915) 621-6789
Environmental Defense	(915) 543-9292
Garden Club	(915) 593-8337
International Boundary & Water Commission U.S. & Mexico	(915) 832-4100
Keep El Paso Beautiful	(915) 546-6742
Office of the Secretary of State, El Paso Ombudsman	(915) 834-5630
Rio Grande Council of Governments, Environmental Services & Special Projects	(915) 533-0998
Río Grande Río Bravo Basin Coalition	(915) 532-1032
Sierra Club	
Texas Dept. of Health Toxic Substances Division	(512) 834-6600
Texas Dept. of Transportation, Maintenance Section	(915) 790-4319
Texas Dept. of Transportation, Landscape Section	(915) 790-4226
Texas Forrest Commission	(915) 834-5610
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - Office of Compliance and Enforcement	(915) 834-4949
Special Investigations	(915) 834-4958
Small Business & Local Governments	(915) 834-4971
Reporting Crimes after 5:00 p.m. and holidays	1-800-832-8224
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	(915) 834-7050
Union Pacific Railroad	1-800-892-1283
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) El Paso Border Office	(915) 533-7273 1-800-887-6063
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Division	(915) 834-7050
University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) - Environmental Health & Safety	(915) 747-7124
Center for Environmental Research Management	(915) 747-5494
Science Department	(915) 747-5536
West Texas Community Supervision & Corrections Dept. Graffiti Wipe out Program	(915) 533-3434
➤ EL PASO COUNTY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS	
◆ AYUDA (Adults and Youth United Development Association) – San Elizario	(915) 851-0272
◆ Buena Vista Beautification Committee – El Paso	(915) 845-0677
◆ Centro Comunidad Unida (Montana Vista) 14618 Gregg Drive 79938 –	(915) 857-1567 Angélica Limón
◆ El Paso Interreligious Sponsoring Organization (EPISO) –	(915) 778-3200
◆ Keep El Paso Beautiful – City of El Paso only	(915) 546-6742
◆ The Marvelous Light Corporation – City of El Paso; Cecilia Rodríguez	(915) 772-5995
◆ Montoya Heights Association – El Paso	(915) 584-0507

- ◆ Native American Alliance of Texas – (915) 851-2923
- ◆ Organización Progresiva de San Elizario (OPSE) – San Elizario **(915) 851-0000**
- ◆ Rio Vista Community Center – 901 Rio Vista, Socorro (Juan Avila) **(915) 860-8615**
- ◆ Sparks Housing Development Corporation – Sparks 12899 Sparks Drive, El Paso 79928 (Martin Torres) **(915) 852-2245**
- ◆ Texas A & M Colonias Program -- 10400 Socorro Rd, Socorro **(915) 860-9528**
- ◆ United Native American Nation – (915) 422-1700
- ◆ Westway Community Center – Donivan Elementary School (Lucía Cervantes) **(915) 886-6400**

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

- **ILLEGAL DUMPING:**
 - ✓ Disposing or allowing the disposal, or receiving or transporting litter or other trash at a place that is not an approved trash site, including private or public property, or someone else's trash receptacle.
 - ✓ **PUNISHMENT:**
 - ❖ For an individual - Fines up to \$10,000 or up to 2 years in jail, or both
 - ❖ For a corporation or an association – Fines up to \$10,000

- **WATER POLLUTION:**
 - ✓ Throwing into or allowing someone to dump a waste or pollutant into or close to water in the State that causes or threatens to cause water pollution, unless you have a permit.
 - ✓ **PUNISHMENT:**
 - ❖ For an individual – Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than \$100,000 or up to 5 years in jail, or both.
 - ❖ For a corporation or an association – Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than \$250,000.

- **AIR POLLUTION:**
 - ✓ Illegal outdoor burning of trash and other things without a permit, unless there is an exception.
 - ✓ You may not burn trash or other things, such as yard trimmings, within the El Paso and Socorro city limits.
 - ✓ You may not burn trash or other things, such as yard trimmings, outside the city limits unless the trash is regular domestic waste, comes from a family residential home, you burn only your trash, and you **do not** have trash pick-up.
 - ✓ You may **NEVER** burn any of the following:
 - ❑ Tires
 - ❑ Appliances
 - ❑ Furniture
 - ❑ Metal
 - ❑ Rubber
 - ❑ Asphalt materials
 - ❑ Heavy oils
 - ❑ Any material which may produce unreasonable amounts of smoke
 - ❑ Plastics.
 - ✓ **PUNISHMENT:**
 - ❖ For an individual: Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than \$50,000 or up to 6 months in jail, or both.
 - ❖ For a corporation or an association: Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than \$100,000.

 - ✓ Usted no puede quemar basura u otras cosas, tal como zacate o pedazos de árbol, dentro de los límites de las ciudades de El Paso, Horizon, y Socorro.

- ✓ Usted no puede quemar basura ni otras cosas, tal como vegetación, afuera de los límites de la ciudad de El Paso, a menos de que la basura sea originaria de su residencia, sea basura doméstica, quema sólo su basura, y **no** tiene servicio para que le recojan la basura.

Usted no puede quemar zacate ni pedazos de árboles caídos, etc., pero **con permiso**, puede quemar vegetación que aún está arraigada a la tierra.

➤ **PUBLIC NUISANCE:**

- ✓ Any property that is occupied or used as a residence, business or for pleasure **must** be kept in a sanitary condition (clean and orderly).
- ✓ A person **may not** permit vacant or abandoned property that is owned or controlled by the person, to be in a condition that will create a public health nuisance or other condition that is bad for the public health.
- ✓ A person **may not** allow the overflow of septic tank or similar device, or allow a blatant discharge from an on-site sewage disposal system, or contaminate the ground with sewage.
- ✓ Kitchen waste, laundry waste, or sewage **may not** be allowed to accumulate in, discharge into, or flow into a public place, gutter, street, or highway.
- ✓ Waste products, polluting material, spent chemicals, garbage, used tires, or other waste of any kind **may not be stored, deposited, or disposed of** in a way that may pollute the surrounding land, contaminate groundwater or surface water, or that may breed insects or rodents.
- ✓ **PUNISHMENT:**
 - ❖ Fines not less than \$10 or more than \$200.
 - ❖ If found guilty of violating this law within 1 year, fines of not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 or 30 days in jail, or both.
 - ❖ ***EACH DAY OF A CONTINUING VIOLATION IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.***

WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES IN MY COMMUNITY?

Protect Yourself Against Waste Haulers Who Illegally Dump Your Trash!

You are ultimately responsible for your own waste/trash, even if you give it to someone else to dispose of it, or even if you tell someone to dispose of your trash legally.

If you are paying someone to haul your trash, you should obtain the following to protect yourself **before** the hauler receives the trash:

- ❑ A signed statement from the hauler that the waste will be disposed of legally; **AND**
- ❑ The statement **must** include the hauler's valid Texas driver's license number.

CITIZEN'S CHECKLIST

If you want to stop people from dumping trash and polluting your environment, be active in helping law enforcement agencies get these offenders, by doing the following that apply to your situation, if safe and possible. *See form.*

- ❑ If you see it happening, call 911 or 1-888-6ELPASO, and report it.
- ❑ Write down the date, time, and place where the illegal dumping is happening.
- ❑ Write down what you see, such as the license plate number of the vehicle used.
- ❑ Take a photo of the person dumping and anyone else who is helping dump trash.
- ❑ Take a photo of the vehicle that is being used in the dumping.
- ❑ Take a photo of the trash/waste that was illegally dumped.
- ❑ If you are by yourself, do not confront the person(s) dumping. **Think of your safety first!**
- ❑ Call your local law enforcement agency to make a report and to have the law enforcement agency take the evidence for safe keeping.
 - The Police Dept. that covers your area; (*See Directory*)
 - Sheriff's Dept., RAPTOR Unit; and/or **1-888-6ELPASO** or **(915) 546-2280**
 - City of El Paso Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement Division (if within the El Paso city limits); **(915) 541-4386** or
 - City County Health & Environmental District, Environmental General (if outside El Paso city limits) **(915) 860-2378**
- ❑ Call the El Paso County Attorney's Environmental Prosecutor to follow-up on your complaint. **(915) 546-2050**



REPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

This form is to give you an idea of the type of information a peace officer, inspector, and/or investigator would look for when investigating an environmental crime. This form is NOT designed to replace a peace officer. **If you see a crime in progress, CALL 911 or the Environmental Hotline: 1-888-6-ELPASO.**

Try to obtain as much of the following information you can:

1. Describe what you see. _____

2. Date and time you observed this. _____
3. Where? (Address of incident) _____

4. Name and date of birth of the person dumping. _____

5. Make, model, year, color, **license plate** of vehicle used by the person. _____

6. Your name, address and phone numbers where you may be reached. _____

7. Preserve any evidence. It is better to leave the scene as you see it. **Let the police gather the evidence.**
 - Is there trash containing mail?
 - Is there a waste or pollutant that needs to be tested?
8. If at all possible, take a photo of the person committing the crime, the vehicle used, and the dumpsite.
9. Call the Environmental Hotline: **1-888-6 EL PASO** or the non-emergency number of your local police department. **El Paso Police Dept. 832-4400.**

▶ Never risk your life or that of another to catch someone. Do the best you can, and use your common sense.

SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY

Gift to the Mountain

APRIL

Great American Clean-up
Environmental Summit

JUNE

Gift to the River

OCTOBER

El Paso Pride Day
Blessing of the River Water

NOVEMBER

Border Cities Recycling Day