

ILLEGAL DUMP FREE PA

Surveillance Camera Loan Program

A Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful community resource for illegal dump abatement through best practices, public education and surveillance support.

- Provides municipalities with a loan of three surveillance cameras to capture evidence of illegal dumping at active dumping hot spots,
- Includes wireless technology to capture usable, conviction-worthy photos of vehicle license plates and illegal dumpers—even at night,
- Delivers evidence needed to fully prosecute those committing this crime.

Program Goals:

- Change behaviors through strong public messaging that illegal dumping is costly to our communities, is a public health hazard and will not be tolerated,
- Deter future dumping by convicting those responsible and holding them accountable for the cost of cleanups and to the local community.



Illegal Dumping in Pennsylvania: Illegal dumpsites have been found in all 67 counties in the state – around 6,500 at last count.

Getting Beyond the Cleanup:

- While essential, cleanups absolve the dumpers of responsibility,
- Are a financial burden to local municipalities, coating an average of \$600 per ton, or \$3,000 per site,
- Divert tax dollars and resources that should be used for community infrastructure or social programs,
- Do not always deter future dumping – even at the same site.

Illegal Dumps are Hazards:

- Contaminate our soil, surface and groundwater supplies,
- Are unsightly and negatively impact property values,
- Are a public health hazard, attracting disease-spreading rodents and mosquitos,
- Send a message that no one cares about the neighborhood.

Penalties vs. public funds: In a public opinion poll Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful conducted with Penn State University, the majority of respondents believed fines and penalties should be used to clean up dumpsites, rather than using public funds.

Illegal Dump Free PA is a program of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, supported by the PA Department of Environmental Protection. For more information about the Surveillance Camera Loan Program and other resources, contact Rob Dubas at rdubas@keeppabeautiful.org or 724-836-4121, or visit keeppabeautiful.org.