

LITTER

STOP IT!
REPORT IT!
PICK IT UP!

A KEEP FORT WORTH BEAUTIFUL INITIATIVE



RESOURCE GUIDE



Nearly
50 billion

pieces of litter clutter US roadways & waterways.

That breaks down to an average of more than

2,600 PIECES OF LITTER PER MILE

Fort Worth is focusing on creating a clean and safe community, and we need everyone in our community to pitch in to make a positive difference.

According to city ordinances, private property owners have an obligation to maintain their properties free of litter. Many do – some do not.

Everyone has a responsibility to help keep shared spaces – parks, roads, fields, waterways – free of trash and debris.

Littering is a crime. Our city takes positive action to keep Fort Worth clean and safe through enforcement, education, community outreach, and enlists the assistance of technology, volunteer resources, business leaders and civic organizations.

STOP IT!

Littering and illegal dumping is against the law:

- **Bag your residential and commercial garbage** to prevent litter from occurring.
- When transporting loose items in the bed of a truck, you must **cover your load**.
- **Avoid fines.** There's a fine of up to \$10,000 if you dispose of your garbage in someone else's dumpster.
- Keep the **lids** of your **garbage and recycling carts** closed at all times.
- Keep the **dumpster lid closed** at all times.

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- Make use of the city facilities:

Environmental Collection Center

Hazardous Household Waste
6400 Bridge St., 76112

Brennan Drop-off Station

2400 Brennan Ave., 76102

Southeast Drop-off Station

5150 Martin Luther King Fwy, 76119

Old Hemphill Road Drop-off Station

6260 Old Hemphill Road, 76134

Hillshire Drop-off Station

301 Hillshire Dr., 76052

Accessible to all Fort Worth residents with valid driver's license and water bill. Visit [FortWorthTexas.gov/departments/environmental-services/solidwaste/dropoff](https://www.fortworthtexas.gov/departments/environmental-services/solidwaste/dropoff) for full list of accepted items.

REPORT IT!

Report Litter in the City

Environmental Services Department

817-392-1234

1234@FortWorthTexas.gov

- Public spaces
 - Rights-of-way
 - Parks
 - Sidewalks
 - Streets/Medians
- Private property
 - Parking lots
 - Businesses/Restaurants/Gas stations
 - Homes
 - Apartments
 - Retail shopping centers
- Litter or illegal dumping in the waterways, creeks, or riverbeds
- Illegal dump sites

Report Littering in Progress

Fort Worth Police Department

817-392-4222 (non-emergency)

or report it online

<https://police.fortworthtexas.gov/OnlineServices/file-a-police-report>

- Motorists or pedestrians tossing litter on the ground
- Trash from a moving vehicle
- Anyone dumping illegally
- Any source of litter

Use the MyFW app!

For more information scan the QR code



REPORT IT!

Highway Litter

Texas Dept of Transportation

817-370-6500 Dial "0" for Operator

- Trash on Interstates and Highways
(highways with a number, 121, I-35, etc.)

[www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/contact-us/
contact-us/complaintsForm.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/contact-us/contact-us/complaintsForm.html)

- Trash from a moving vehicle on a highway

[www.dontmesswithtexas.org/get-
involved/report-a-litterer](http://www.dontmesswithtexas.org/get-involved/report-a-litterer)



You can now use the MyFW app
to report highway litter!

Illegal Dumping

Environmental Services Department

817-392-1234

Fort Worth Police Department

817-392-4222 (non-emergency)

Illegal Dumping is a Crime

- *Illegal Dumping in Progress*
Call 817-392-4222 (non-emergency),
as this is a crime in progress.
- *Illegal Dump Site*
Report illegal dumps to 817-392-1234,
1234@FortWorthTexas.gov or use the
MyFW app.

Illegal dumping can be a felony in the state of Texas. Reference applicable sections from the Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 365 and the Texas Water Code.

PICK IT UP!

Organize your Own Cleanup

- Neighborhood, a school campus, nearby waterway or anywhere you chose! Any day of the year!
- The city provides trash bags and gloves.

FortWorthTexas.gov/kfwb/litter

Keep Fort Worth Beautiful Community Cleanups

- **Cowtown Great American Cleanup** is held each spring.
FortWorthTexas.gov/cowtowncleanup
- The **Neighborhood Litter Stomp** is held each fall.
FortWorthTexas.gov/litterstomp

Tarrant Regional Water District

- **Trinity Trash Bash** is held annually in the spring and fall.
trwd.com/water-supply/environmental/cleanups/trinity-trash-bash

Adopt-A-Spot in Fort Worth

- Adopt a street, median, waterway, park or any public area in the city.
FortWorthTexas.gov/KFWB

NEARLY **90%** OF
US RESIDENTS REPORTED THAT
IS A PROBLEM IN THEIR STATE.



GET INVOLVED!



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817-392-2046
www.FortWorthTexas.gov/KFWB

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supplies, scan
the QR code



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CITY OF FORT WORTH ORDINANCES

Litter Violations and Citation Codes

Litter – Private or Commercial Property

Appendix B, Article II, Division 3,
Subdivision A, 11a-27

Citation 50901: Depositing (describe type of litter) on (public or private property)

Citation 50903: Failure to maintain construction site or property in vicinity free of construction trash, litter and debris

Depositing Filth - Yard Trimmings

Chapter 16, Article XII (16-294)

Citation 99255: Discharging of yard trimmings onto public street

Depositing Filth - Solid Waste

Chapter 16, Article XII (16-294)

Citation 99255: Accumulation of solid waste on property (state type of solid waste and location on property)

Commercial Waste Containers

Chapter 12.5, Article VIII, Division 3 (12.5-831)

Citation 51002: Allowing accumulation (state what specific items) on property that decay or provide pest harborage

Dead Trees and Limbs

Chapter 7, Article IV, Division 3, 7-94c

Citation 50005: Substandard structure, to wit: dead tree not abated within 7 days after notification

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Litter Violations and Citation Codes

Storage of Discarded, Used, Broken Items (All)

Appendix B, Article II, Division 3,
Subdivision A, 11a-26

Citation 51001: Allowing accumulation of (state what specific items) on property [the items must be listed in 11A-26]

Citation 51002: Allowing accumulation of (state what specific items) on property that decay or provide pest harborage

Citation 51003: Materials or items stored on rooftops or porches of buildings when visible from the public right-of-way or neighboring property

Citation 50003: Permitting outside storage of (describe items being stored) [use this code when items are not broken, inoperable or discarded]

Fill Material

Chapter 12.5, Article IX, Divisions 1-6
(12.5-864-873)

Citation 53401: Depositing fill material without a valid registration

Discharge of Liquid Waste

Appendix B, Article II, Division 3,
Subdivision A, 11a-23

Citation 51501 (Private Property):

Accumulation of waste water on private property

Citation 51601 (Unto Street): Discharge of liquid waste unto street

Discharge to MS4 Prohibited (Act of/ Potential to)

Chapter 12.5 (12.5-302) (a)

Citation 70101: Prohibited discharge (MS4)

Citation 70704: Violated permit requirements

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Illegal Dumping in Progress

Reference applicable sections from the Texas Health & Safety Code, Chapter 365 and the Texas Water Code.

Citation 1900 (Solid Waste): Depositing (describe what is being dumped) on (public or private property)

State of Texas State Statute Enforcement: To wit dumping of (items dumped) on (private or public property)

Please call Environmental Investigation Unit (EIU) for questions: 817-392-1234

City ordinances can be found online at:

<https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/ftworth/latest/overview>

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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COFW Police Department
817-392-4222 (non-emergency)

COFW Environmental Services Department
817-392-1234

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Highway Litter Reporting
817-370-6500 Dial "0" for operator

Keep Fort Worth Beautiful (KFWB)
817-392-2046



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