



Did you know that
**Open Dumping
is Illegal?**

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Open dumping is the illegal act of throwing household trash and wastes in places other than state permitted landfills or disposal facilities.

**When you see an *Open Dump*,
Report it!**

Report open dumps to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management by calling (800) 451-6027. IDEM is working to stop open dumping, but ***we need your help.***

Violators can be prosecuted and face penalties up to \$25,000 a day per violation for open dumping.

***Open dumping* is hazardous to your
community**

Open dumping can cause health, safety, and environmental hazards, such as:

- Potential fire **hazards**
- **Damage** to plant and wildlife habitat
- **Creating** havens for rats mosquitoes and other pests
- Soil, water, and air **contamination**;
- **Injury** to children playing in and around the dump site.

What Can You Do?

What is the Best Alternative to Open Dumping?

- *Take household trash and other materials to a state approved landfill.*
- *Haul glass, aluminum cans, plastics, newspapers, and corrugated cardboard to a  recycling center.*

If we all  recycled just our paper products, we could cut the amount of landfill space that we need by nearly 40 percent!

For more information

If you would like to learn more about recycling or how to properly dispose of your waste tires, e-waste, or household hazardous waste, visit the Recycle Indiana Web site:

www.recycle.IN.gov

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