**September 2024 Social Media Captions – Recycle Right Illegal Dumping**

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| **Facebook** | |
| September-FBImage-1-  https://takecareoftexas.org/about-us/blog/texas-communities-tackle-illegal-dumping | In Texas, illegal dumping is disposing of waste anywhere other than a landfill or approved waste site. And, as the name says, it’s illegal! Illegally dumped items not only create an eye sore, but can also harm the environment, often becoming breeding grounds for rodents and mosquitoes. Instead, contact your city, county, or waste hauler and find out how to dispose of items like old furniture, appliances, household garbage, and other waste. #recycleright #notoillegaldumping |
| September-FBImage-2 | Illegal dumping of tires, landscape waste, construction debris, appliances, furniture, household garbage, or chemicals anywhere other than a landfill or permitted waste site can lead to fines or jail time! Before discarding an item, consider whether it can be reused by you or donated. If not, contact your city, county, or waste hauler and find out how to dispose of items. Many communities have heavy trash pickup and special waste collection sites or events for residents. #recycleright #notoillegaldumping |
| September-FBImage-3  https://www.wikihow.com/Dispose-of-Tires | Illegal dumping can have a devastating impact on the environment. Did you know that illegally disposed of tires can collect water and become breeding grounds for mosquitoes or other disease-carrying pests? Residents may be able to dispose of a few old tires at tire retailers for a fee or when you buy new tires. You might also upcycle tires as interesting planters or pet beds. Some communities will accept tires during special collection events or at certain drop-off locations. Contact your city, county, or waste hauler to find out what items are accepted for recycling or disposal in your community. #recycleright #notoillegaldumping |
| September-FBImage-4 | Before discarding items from your home, be sure to consider whether they still have life in them and could be donated, reused, or upcycled into something else. Some furniture might fit in well at a camp house, gently used clothes may be donated, and clean tires can make nice planters in your yard or on your patio. If you can’t find another use for your stuff, contact your city, county, or waste hauler to find out how to properly dispose of it. However, you should never illegally dump items on public or private property where it’s not permitted. #recycleright #notoillegaldumping |

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| **Instagram** | |
| September-IGImage-1- | Illegal dumping can be a huge problem, damaging the environment, creating eyesores, and leading to fines or jail time for the dumpers. The most illegally dumped items in Texas include household garbage, household hazardous waste, appliances, mattresses, furniture, and used electronics. Check with your city, county, or waste hauler to find out the proper way to dispose of trash and other items in your community. You may find local drop off locations, special collection events, or even curbside service available in some areas. |
| September-IGImage-2- | One of the easiest ways to avoid illegal dumping is to not create waste in the first place. Before discarding an item, check to see if it can still be used, donated or upcycled into something else. |

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| **X, formerly known as Twitter** | |
| September-XImage-1-  https://takecareoftexas.org/about-us/blog/texas-communities-tackle-illegal-dumping | Illegal dumping creates an eyesore, can harm the environment, and may lead to fines or jail time for you. Just don’t do it. |
| September-XImage-2- | Did you know that each year law enforcement officers investigatethousands of illegal dumping sites across Texas. Make sure you aren’t part of the problem by properly disposing of waste and junk. |