

Illegal land filling or waste dumping damages the environment

Don't risk heavy fines and imprisonment!



Offences and Penalties

- Under the Town Planning Ordinance, a person commits an offence if he undertakes an unauthorized development in the rural New Territories within the Development Permission Area. Any filling of land/pond within the conservation and Agriculture zones (even for undertaking a development which is a permitted use) without the planning permission from the Town Planning Board would constitute an unauthorized development. Any land owner whose land is involved in the unauthorized filling of land/pond; or any person responsible for such operation may be subject to prosecution. An offender is liable to a fine of \$500,000 for the first conviction; and a fine of \$1,000,000 for subsequent convictions.
- Under the Waste Disposal Ordinance, if waste is deposited in any place from a vehicle except with the permission of any owner or lawful occupier of the place, both the driver and his employer commit an offence. An offender is liable to a fine of \$200,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.
- Under the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation, the registered owner or hirer of a vehicle commits an offence if he deposits or causes or permits to be deposited any waste from a specified vehicle in any place except with permission of any owner or lawful occupier of the place. An offender is liable to a fine of \$25,000 and imprisonment for 6 months.
- Under the Fixed Penalty (Public Cleanliness Offences) Ordinance, a person commits an offence if he deposits waste in public places or carries out unlawful deposition of waste. An offender is liable to a fine of \$1,500.

If you suspect someone is handling waste illegally, please contact the EPD and/or other relevant Government departments.

Contact information:



Environmental Protection Department

Hotline : 2838 3111 Fax : 2838 3111

Website : <http://www.epd.gov.hk>

Civil Engineering and Development Department

Hotline : 2762 5111 Fax : 2714 0140

Website : <http://www.cedd.gov.hk>

Highways Department

Hotline : 2926 4111 Fax : 2714 5216

Website : <http://www.hyd.gov.hk>

Planning Department

Hotline : 2158 6070 Fax : 2484 9997

Website : <http://www.pland.gov.hk>

Lands Department

Hotline : 2231 3294 Fax : 2868 4707

Website : <http://www.landso.gov.hk>

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

Hotline : 2868 0000 Fax : 2869 0169

Website : <http://www.fehd.gov.hk>



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Be responsible, say “NO” to illegal waste dumping



A Guide for Construction Waste Transporters

Do:

- *know the source, properties and nature of your load*
- *comply with all safety and environmental requirements*
- *transport load to suitable waste disposal facilities*

Don't:

- *damage the environment, cause environmental nuisances or affect road safety*
- *risk heavy fines and imprisonment*

This leaflet contains important information for construction waste transporters to guard against illegal waste dumping

Construction and demolition (C&D) activities generate large amount of C&D materials requiring disposal everyday. In recent years, public complaints about illegal dumping activities involving C&D materials have been increasing. In order to evade disposal charges or simply for the sake of convenience, irresponsible transport companies or truck drivers illegally dump their loads of C&D materials on Government or private land, causing harm to the environment, and endangering the public and road safety. This leaflet provides information on proper C&D materials handling and the related regulatory requirements for construction waste transporters to follow.



Take steps to prevent illegal waste dumping:

Know your load



- Different C&D materials require different means of disposal. For example, non-inert and non-recyclable waste should be disposed of at Government landfills while inert waste such as stone and concrete should be sent to public fill reception facilities for reuse.
- Never accept C&D materials from unknown sources.
- Request the C&D materials producers to adopt a trip ticket system to track the loads. The trip ticket should show the content of the load; and specify location of the waste disposal site.

- Ensure that C&D materials are not contaminated by chemical waste such as asbestos and used batteries.



Comply with environmental and safety requirements

- Avoid overloading.
- Use vehicles with mechanical covers. Cover your load of dusty materials entirely and wash the vehicle bodies and wheels before leaving construction sites.



Dispose of C&D materials at suitable waste facilities

- Arrange for proper disposal of C&D materials at suitable public waste disposal facilities. Visit the website of the EPD for details of these facilities.
- Send inert C&D waste such as excavated materials, bricks, soil and concrete to public fill reception facilities.
- Send non-inert C&D waste such as bamboo, woodpile, vegetation and other organic waste to Government landfills.
- Do not cause air, noise, water or other pollution. Non-compliance will result in enforcement actions by the EPD.
- Follow the trip ticket system requirements: dispose of the C&D material at designated disposal facilities; and keep proper records.

Help prevent illegal dumping activities



- Do not deposit or stockpile C&D materials on public roads or Government land.
- Unless with the land owner's consent and planning permission, do not deposit fill on any private land. In general, do not use C&D materials as fill in rural areas, especially areas in conservation and "Agriculture" zones.
- Even with the permission of the landowner, do not deposit unsuitable fill on private land. If such activities cause adverse environmental impacts or violate town planning legislation, the relevant Government departments will take appropriate enforcement actions.
- Report illegal waste dumping and land filling activities.