

# illegal DUMPING

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**If you throw your junk just anywhere, it will eventually become your problem some way or another.**

## It can make you sick or kill you

- Dumped waste often contains poison, old medicine, broken glass and other dangerous things that children and animals are most likely to come across.
- Junk that lies in the sun develops poisonous gasses or bacteria that can cause diseases and infections and make you very ill or even kill you.
- Dump sites attract snakes and scorpions that can bite or sting you, and rats and insects that carry dangerous diseases.
- Junk inside or near rivers and wetlands releases bad stuff into the water that can make people downstream so sick they can die of dehydration and fever.



## It can flood you out

- Throwing junk into stormwater drains will clog up the pipes and water will overflow onto your streets and property.



## Illegal dumping wastes money

- Money that could have been used for your community is being wasted cleaning up illegal dumping sites.



## Dumping sites bring property values down

- If you own property near a dumping site it will be more difficult for you to sell it and will bring down its value.



## It can cause fires

- Layers of rubble lying in the sun can get so hot it can catch fire and spread to houses. Smoke and fumes from refuse fires can be harmful or even deadly.



## It can stink up the place

- Throwing stuff into sewerage drains, or flushing the wrong stuff down the toilet, will clog pipes and the sewerage will overflow into your neighbourhood.



## You can go to prison

- If you get caught dumping or littering, you will be fined. If you can't pay the fine, you can go to prison. Measures to catch illegal dumping at night, such as hidden cameras, are being considered.



## What is illegal dumping?

Illegal dumping is anything you throw away in a place where it does not belong.

## Report illegal dumping

- If you know who is dumping illegally, report them to: **044 801 6350** or **sprins@george.gov.za** or **044 801 6300** (a/h).
- Report dumped waste for collection to: **044 802 2900** or **044 801 6300** (a/h).

- Information that will help the case for a warning or fine: car description and/or registration number, address of alleged perpetrator, type of waste and address of where it was dumped. A cellphone photo of dumping in action will help but is not essential.

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## You can make a difference

### Don't litter

- Keep your food papers, cigarette butts and other waste with you until you get to a refuse bin and throw it inside the bin or until you get home to throw away in the right place.



### Keep your rubbish at home until pick-up day

- Refuse is picked up in your neighbourhood once a week (see schedule below). Please put your waste inside refuse bags and keep at your house until collection day.
- Put garden waste in green bags so it can be collected separately and composted.
- Put refuse bags on the sidewalk outside your house by 7.30am on collection day.
- Please don't put your bags out the night before to protect them from being torn open overnight.



### Deal with the big stuff

- Building rubble and items that cannot fit inside a black bag must go to the municipal refuse site on the R102 (airport road). Make a plan with friends or neighbours to load your big stuff together to drop off in one trip.



### Find your collection spot

- If you live in an area where large refuse trucks can't get to your house, find out from your councillor or community where your closest drop-off spot is. Bakkies drive into these areas and collect from drop-off spots on collection day.
- If there isn't a drop-off spot within quick walking distance, please ask your councillor to request Environmental Services to arrange for a site near you.



### Close it up

- Try to close up your full refuse bags inside something solid with a lid, such as a strong cardboard box, wooden box or brick structure, to keep bad smells in and animals out.



### Dead animals

- Please do not put dead animals out with your bags or dump somewhere.
- The Garden Route SPCA will collect and dispose for a fee. Phone 044 878 1990.
- Report dead animals on the N2 to Sanral on 082 553 4878.



## Refuse removal days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Businesses
Blanco Riverlea Heatherpark Heatherlands Glen Barrie Kraaibosch Groenkloof Blue Mountain Village Herold's Bay Victoria Bay Rondevlei (George side)	Levallia Rosemoor Conville Protea Park Parkdene Ballotsview Borchards Lawaaiikamp Thembaletu Wilderness Constantia Kloof Kleinkrantz	Camphersdrift Fernridge Denneoord Bo-Dorp Blommekloof Tweerivieren Hoogekraal Hoekwil Touwsrante farm areas	Wilderness Heights Dormehlsdrift George South, Le Grand Groeneweidepark Sinksabrug, Herold Geelhoutboom Eselsjacht, Bos en Dal Hansmoeskraal Jonkershoek Rooirivier Pacaltsdorp, Rosedale Waboomskraal Touwsrante village	Glenwood Loerie Park Eden George Genevafontein Denver Park Bergsig Eastern Extension	Monday Wednesday Friday

