

NUISANCES MAY INCLUDE

According to Multnomah County, a nuisance is “any condition or practices causing or capable of causing an unreasonable threat to the public health, safety, and welfare...” Multnomah County Vector and Nuisance Control responds to the following nuisances and other safety or health problems:

- Uncontrolled vegetation or noxious weeds.
- Piles of garbage or junk stored outside.
- Unsecured empty buildings.
- Intersection obstructions.
- Waste tires.
- Abandoned swimming pools.
- Dead or decaying trees or limbs posing a danger to the public.
- Unsealed or improperly maintained wells, septic tanks, or open pits.
- Cars or other vehicles that don't work or are in pieces, and are sitting on private property.

LOCAL NUISANCE CONTROL PHONE NUMBERS

City of Fairview
503-665-7929

City of Gresham
503-618-2463

City of Maywood Park
503-988-3464

City of Portland
503-823-7306

City of Troutdale
503-665-5175

City of Wood Village
503-667-6211

Metro
503-234-3000

Clackamas County
503-353-4400

Washington County
503-846-8609



Vector and Nuisance Control
503-988-3464
www.mchealthinspect.org

NUISANCE CONTROL AND ILLEGAL DUMPING



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Health Department
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In all unincorporated areas of Multnomah County (outside any city jurisdiction) Multnomah County Vector and Nuisance Control is the agency responsible for investigating and enforcing illegal dumping activities within Multnomah County.

Multnomah County Vector and Nuisance Control's mission is to promote community livability by managing vector-borne diseases through surveillance, suppression of vector populations and code enforcement.

Illegal dumping of waste materials greatly reduces the livability of our community and also increases vector populations, thereby putting our community at risk of vector-borne diseases. Vector-borne diseases are communicable illnesses that humans can catch from mosquitoes, rats or other animals.

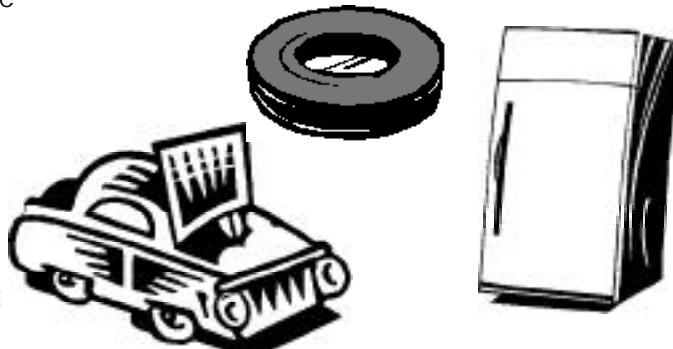
Multnomah County Vector and Nuisance Control's goal is to protect public and private resources and maintain clean urban and rural areas by taking appropriate code enforcement measures.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE AN ILLEGAL DUMP

- ✓ If you see a dumping incident in progress, call 911 and report it to the Sheriff.
- ✓ If the dumping is not in progress, call Multnomah County Vector and Nuisance Control at 503-988-3464 and report the location.
- ✓ Be prepared to give as much information as possible, such as:
 - Location (exact address if possible)
 - License plate number
 - Description of dumpers
 - Time discovered
 - Your name, address and phone number
 - Any other relevant information

Do not sort through dump material. These materials may contain hazardous waste, drug manufacturing items, or other contaminated and unsafe materials. It may also destroy critical evidence that may lead to locating the "dumper."



ILLEGAL DUMPING PREVENTION

As a resident of Multnomah County, there are actions you can take to prevent the occurrence of illegal dumping in your community:

KEEP WATCH

If you participate in a neighborhood watch program, make note of suspicious trash-laden pickup trucks cruising the neighborhood, looking for dump sites.

CLEAN UP

Any site with an old tire or litter tends to act as a magnet for illegal dumping. Keep potential dump sites such as parking lots and areas around dumpsters neat and clean.

INSTALL LIGHTS

Most dumping occurs at night when dumpers are least likely to be seen. Install motion sensor lighting around waste containers and in parking lots to eliminate the factor dumpers depend on most to avoid detection – darkness!

USE VEHICLE BARRIERS

In some cases, it may be feasible to place waste containers behind a barrier (such as a steel post) that prevents vehicles from driving up to the containers. Access roads to private property should be gated and locked, if possible.

LOCK-UP

Lock your dumpster lid or secure it behind an enclosure to deter small-scale dumpers looking for an accessible container.