

Illegal Dumping

Dumping rubbish of any kind on any land not specified as a waste facility is considered littering and attracts penalties up to \$2,000 under the *Litter Act 1979*.

In Western Australia littering infringements can be issued by authorised officers which includes police officers, local government rangers and any other officer employed by government departments that oversee the protection of the environment and waterways.



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Illegal dumping is a particular type of littering where people go out of their way to dump their rubbish. It includes waste materials that have been dumped, tipped or otherwise deposited onto land. Illegal dumping varies from small bags of rubbish in an urban environment to larger scale dumping of waste materials in isolated areas, such as bushland.

Report illegal dumping

Please report any illegal dumping within the Town of Cottesloe to the Town's Compliance and Regulatory Services unit on 9285 5000.

If you witness illegal dumping, if possible, and without placing yourself at risk, take note of the following:

- date, time and place the offence was committed.
- description of the offender.
- vehicle make, model, colour and registration.
- type of litter or nature of the illegal dumping.

People can be prosecuted under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* with maximum fines of up to \$62,500 for individuals and up to \$125,000 for corporate bodies (businesses).

Photographic or video evidence will also assist the Town's authorised officers with any prosecutions that may result from the information.

People who report littering or illegal dumping offences can remain anonymous however; to increase the chances of a prosecution it is preferable that these people are available to provide a witness statement.

