

Farm and Ranch Cleanup Grant Questionnaire

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Name	Property Owner?	Yes	No	
Location/Address				
City	Zip			
APN:				

Please refer to the Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program Factsheet to answer the following:

I. Eligibility Criteria

	Yes	No
Is this a Farm or Ranch Property?		
Which of the following exist or have existed (for reimbursement) on the property?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Unauthorized solid waste disposal has occurred on the farm or ranch parcel(s). ▪ Property is in need of cleanup to abate a nuisance of public health and safety threat and/or a threat to the environment. ▪ Property is zoned or otherwise authorized for agricultural activities. 		
Is the property owner responsible for the disposal or dumping of the waste?		

II. Cleanup Needs

Please check which of the following may be part of your site cleanup needs:

Waste removal and disposal		Excavation	
Recycling		Revegetation	
Drainage control and grading improvements		Site security	
Slope and foundation stabilization		Removal of chloroflorocarbons (CFC)	
Equipment rental		Public education	
Please include a description of the types of waste (i.e., garbage, white goods, furniture) and an approximation of the amounts (cubic yards will do).			

III. Previous Cleanups

	Yes	No
Would you be interested in reimbursement for previous cleanups?		
If so,:		
Do you meet the eligibility criteria as stated in the factsheet?		
Were the costs incurred specifically for the cleanup?		
Do you have verification/documentation to support the eligibility criteria and cleanup costs?		

Completed questionnaire can be mailed to Solid Waste Program, 1555 Berger Dr., Ste 300, San Jose, CA 95112 or faxed to (408) 280-6479. For any assistance, please contact Stan Chau at (408) 918-1961 (Stan.Chau@deh.sccgov.org) or Chris Rummel at (408) 918-1964 (Chris.Rummel@deh.sccgov.org).

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County of Santa Clara
Department of Environmental Health (DEH)
Illegal Farm Dumping Prevention Tips

Illegal dumping occurs in many rural areas throughout the County causing environmental blight, contamination of soils and waterways, and vector breeding. The cost of cleaning up takes more time and resources (up to 10 times more!) than if the waste were properly disposed of in the first place. Here are some ways in which you can assist in helping to curb illegal dumping on your property:

1. If you observe someone illegally dumping on property owned by you or others, you should file a report with the County Sheriff's department about the incident. Without placing yourself in jeopardy, try to obtain identifying information for the County Sheriff or District Attorney, such as the vehicle license plate number. If the illegal dumper cannot be identified, then the victim of such a crime bears the cost of cleanup, either personally or out of your tax dollars.
2. Keeping your property boundaries fenced and gated in the problem areas where chronic illegal dumping occurs is a very effective deterrent. Illegal dumpers usually try to be out of sight while throwing out their trash. Putting up fencing along the edges of the road right-of-way will stop them from dumping onto your property and will keep it within the road right of way for clean up by road maintenance crews.
3. Another effective deterrent is installing signs reminding the public that such dumping is prohibited. DEH still has signs available for anyone who has cleaned and fenced a chronic dump site on their property and wishes to place our durable, bilingual sign on the fencing or nearby pole.
4. Illegal dumping attracts more waste. Cleaning up the waste promptly and keeping your ranch free of waste piles discourages more dumping.
5. Forming a farm watch group to be on the lookout for illegal dumping and enlisting volunteers to clean up the waste promptly is an effective method in managing illegally dumped waste. This can lead to an awareness of dumping "hot spots". If illegal dumping "hot spots" are identified, deterrents can be implemented such as the installation of fences, signs, or surveillance cameras. The watch group could also create a tip-line for information regarding illegal dumping in your area.
6. Regular garbage service can reduce illegal dumping. The Santa Clara County Ordinance Code requires regular collection service for generators of garbage. DEH appreciates any information about persons who do not have service. Any information supplied to DEH can be kept anonymous.

These are just a few ideas to help keep your farms clean and healthy by eliminating illegal dumping. To solve specific problems, DEH is available both online and by phone to assist you. Refer to Solid Waste staff's phone numbers and email addresses on Questionnaire page. Please visit our website at www.ehinfo.org.