

# Good Neighbors

## Preventing Stormwater Pollution: Preventing Illegal Dumping



The Town of Leesburg needs your help to eliminate illegal dumping and unsightly littering in our streets, alleys and other public right-of-ways as well as on private and commercial properties.

Illegal dumping is disposing of waste or unwanted materials in unauthorized or undesignated areas. Items dumped illegally may include:

**Household trash—Construction and landscaping debris—Tires and automotive parts—Furniture and appliances—Used oil and chemicals**

Most illegal dumping is done to avoid paying disposal fees at landfills or failure to take the time and effort to dispose of items properly. Common areas for dumping may include vacant properties, alley ways, commercial dumpsters and along the roadside. Dumping causes devaluation of property, health hazards and stormwater pollution. Items dumped can wash debris and pollutants into the storm drain system, causing flooding, clogged drains and damage to fish, wildlife and plants downstream.

You can help by reporting illegal dumping. Phone the **Public Works Department at 703-771-2790** to report illegal dumping or littering. You may also call the **Police Department at 703-771-4500**. Try to provide as much information as possible, such as the time and location of the incident, items dumped and if a license plate on a vehicle was spotted.

## Did You Know...

The Town of Leesburg provides **FREE** collection of bulk items to residents and businesses who receive curbside refuse and recycling from the Town? Simply call 703-771-2790 or e-mail [trash@leesburgva.gov](mailto:trash@leesburgva.gov) by noon on Thursday for same week Friday pickup.

The Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility located at 20939 Evergreen Mills Road accepts automotive batteries, used oil and anti-freeze for recycling year-round at **NO COST**? Call 703-771-5500 for details on hours and directions. Loudoun County's Office of Solid Waste Management also hosts several **FREE** collection events throughout the County every year? Call 703-777-0187 for dates and locations.

*For more information on stormwater pollution prevention and community outreach and education programs, please call the Town of Leesburg Public Works Department at 703-771-2790 or visit [www.leesburgva.gov](http://www.leesburgva.gov).*