

# EL PASO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL BOOKLET



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*Tu Comunidad, El Paso,*  
**KEEP IT CLEAN, MAKE US PROUD!**

Illegal dumping and other environmental crimes create a real public health danger:

- Children can play in trash and could hurt themselves or get sick.
- Trash and chemicals (such as used oil) are hazardous to human health, wildlife, our water sources, and the environment.
- Litter harbors vermin, such as rats and disease-carrying mosquitoes that could potentially kill humans.
- Dirty property reduces its value but also negatively affects the value of other nearby properties.
- There is a higher incidents of respiratory illnesses due to air contaminants, such as outdoor burning.
- Our waters are polluted when trash goes into the storm drains and river.

Our environment is the legacy we leave our children and their children. They deserve better than a polluted earth. So, it is for us to do whatever we can (and we **can** do something) to keep our community clean and safe by cleaning our own surroundings, reporting polluters, and teaching our children to do the same. Together we can clean-up El Paso and make it a better and safer place to live.

## HOW DO I ORGANIZE A CLEAN-UP IN MY COMMUNITY?

- 1. Gather people from your community, who care and want to clean-up their community.**
  - Select a person to lead the clean-up.
  - Select a date for the clean-up (at least 3 weeks after you first meet).
  - Clean-up should be from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
  - Select and identify the area you want to clean.
  - Select trash collection point(s).
  - Talk about the issues in your community that contribute to illegal dumping, to try to prevent further illegal dumping.
  
- 2. Contact your City Representative to see if he or she can assist you with a roll-off (dumpster) and collection of trash to do your cleanup.**
  - In the unincorporated area of the County, Public Works holds 4 to 8 community cleanups in far East and West El Paso County.
  - Contact El Paso County On-Site and Environmental Department (915-855-9664) to check when the next cleanup is scheduled.
  
- 3. If approved, let your community know about the cleanup.**
  - Have someone design flyers announcing date, time and place of the clean-up.
  - Print and make copies of the flyer. Ask one of the community centers in your area to assist you with the printing of the flyer.
  - Have a group of people help you distribute the flyers to everyone in your community.
  
- 4. You will need the following supplies:**
  - Volunteers
  - Gloves/trash bags
  - Rakes/shovels
  - First Aid kit
  - Roll-off (dumpster)
  - Potable water
  
- 5. You should take at least these safety precautions:**
  - Wear covered shoes
  - Wear a hat or cap
  - Wear pants (not shorts)
  - Use sunscreen
  - All children should be accompanied by an adult
  - Beware of rodents, insects, snakes and other vermin that may be hiding in some of the trash, such as tires
  
- 6. Clean-up Celebration!**
  - Ask members of the community if they can provide food and/or drinks

- Thank everyone who participated in the clean-up
  - Great Job!
- Let's keep our homes and communities clean!*

## WHOM DO I CALL?

### ◆ AIR POLLUTION

- **Outdoor Burning within City limits**
  - Department of Public Health – Air Quality Program **(915) 212-6000**
  - El Paso Fire Department – **(915) 212-5600**
  - El Paso Police Dept.- Corresponding Regional Command Center (See *Directory*)
- **Outdoor Burning outside City limits**
  - Department of Public Health – Air Quality Program **(915) 212-6000**
  - El Paso County Sheriff's Dept. or the Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
  - TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) – Air Program **(915) 834-4949**
- **Smoking Vehicles**
  - TCEQ **1-800-453-SMOG (7664)**; [www.smokingvehicle.org](http://www.smokingvehicle.org)

### ◆ ANIMALS & WILDLIFE

- **Dead Animals – Public Nuisance**
  - Environmental Services – *Clean El Paso Division* (within City limits) **3-1-1 or (915) 212-2000**
  - Dead animals found on City of El Paso roadways, Environmental Services **3-1-1 or (915) 212-2000**
  - Texas Dept. of Transportation – *Collections* (within 50 feet of a public hwy) **West Side: (915) 757-5900 / East Side: (915) 857-5041**
  - Animal Services – **(915) 212-PAWS (7297)**
  - Animal Rescue League of El Paso – **(915) 877-5002**
  - Humane Society of El Paso – **(915) 532-6971**
  - Pet Guardian Angel Welfare Association – **(915) 598-0411**
- **Dead Wildlife (including migratory birds)**
  - Texas Parks and Wildlife – **(915) 834-7050**
  - US Fish & Wildlife Services – **(915) 730-7031**
- **Wildlife - Nuisance Problems**
  - Texas Parks and Wildlife – **(915) 834-7050 and (505) 882-2910**
  - Animal Services – **(915) 212-PAWS (7297)**

## ◆ DISPOSAL OF LEAD-ACID BATTERIES

- **To Report the Unauthorized Disposal of Lead-Acid Batteries Within City Limits**
  - El Paso Police Dept.- Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
  - TCEQ – (915) 834-4949
  - Environmental Services – Special Collections Division (for information on proper disposal) (915) 212-2000
  
- **Reporting the Unauthorized Disposal of Lead-Acid Batteries Outside City Limits**
  - El Paso County Sheriff's Dept. or the Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
  - TCEQ – (915) 834-4949

## ◆ RAILROADS

- **Any problems, violations, illegal dumping, clean-ups, maintenance or railroads**
  - Union Pacific Railroad – Dispatch 1-800-892-1283
  - The Police Dept. that covers the affected area and/or Sheriff's Dept. (*See Directory*)

## ◆ SOLID WASTE (TRASH)

- **Accumulation of Junk Within City Limits**
  - Environmental Services Code Compliance 3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000
  
- **Accumulation of Junk Outside unincorporated areas of El Paso County**
  - El Paso County On-Site Sewage and Environmental Dept. – (915) 855-9664
  
- **Extra Trash (Bulk trash pickup)**
  - Within City Limits, Environmental Services – Special Collections Division (915) 621-6700
  - Your trash hauler
  
- **Illegal Dumping (including tires) Within City Limits**
  - Environmental Services Code Compliance 3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000
  - El Paso Police Dept. – Corresponding Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
  - Environmental Services – Special Collections Division – (915) 621-6700
  - TCEQ – Regional Office (915) 834-4949
  
- **Illegal Dumping (including illegal disposal of tires) Outside El Paso City Limits**
  - El Paso County Sheriff's Dept. – or the Police Department that covers your area (*See Directory*)

- TCEQ – (915) 834-4949

## ◆ STATE HIGHWAY PROBLEMS

- **Maintenance within 50 feet of State Highways**
  - Texas Dept. of Transportation – Maintenance Section – (915) 849-5555

## ◆ WATER POLLUTION

- **Problems With Río Grande River**
  - International Water Boundary Commission – (915) 832-4100
- **Problems With Household Hazardous Waste Within El Paso City Limits**
  - Environmental Services, Code Compliance (for illegal disposal) **3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000**
  - Environmental Services, Clean El Paso Dept. (for information on the proper disposal of household hazardous waste) **3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000**
  - El Paso Fire Department – (915) 212-5600
  - El Paso Police Department – Corresponding Regional Command Center (See below)
  - El Paso Water Utilities – (915) 594-5500
  - Texas Health and Human Services, Tex. Dept. of Health Services, Public Health Region 11 Toxic Substance Control Division – Toxic Substances Control Division (for exposure to toxic substances) **1-800-440-7571**
  - TCEQ – **1-800-832-8224**
- **Problems With Household Hazardous Waste Outside El Paso City Limits**
  - El Paso County Sheriff's Office or the Police Department that covers your area (*See Directory*)
  - Local Water District (*See Directory*)
  - TCEQ – **1-800-832-8224**
- **Recycling of Household Hazardous Waste Within El Paso City Limits**
  - See Recycling Section
- **Problems With Industrial Waste**
  - City of El Paso Building Permits and Inspections Code Enforcement (Within EP City Limits) **3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000**
  - City of El Paso Municipal Services (Within EP City Limits) **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
  - City of El Paso Environmental Services (to set up services within EP City) – (915) 621-6700
  - El Paso Fire Department (within EP City limits) – (915) 212-5600
  - El Paso County Sheriff's Dept.- or the Police Department that covers your area (*See Directory*)
  - TCEQ – Regional Office (915) 834-4949 or 1-800-832-8224

- **Problems With Mosquitoes and Vermin**
  - City of El Paso Environmental Services- Vector Control – **(915) 212-0134**
  
- **Problems With Septic Systems and On-Site Septic System Installers**
  - County of El Paso On-Site Sewage Facility and Environmental Program – **(915) 855-9664**
  - TCEQ – **(915) 834-4949** or **1-800-832-8224**
  
- **Problems With Swimming Pools Within El Paso City Limits**
  - If draining pool:
    - Environmental Services Code Enforcement **3-1-1** or **(915) 212-6000**
    - City of El Paso, Municipal Services Dept. **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
    - El Paso Police Dept. – Corresponding Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
  - If **not** draining and is in an unsanitary condition:
    - Environmental Services Code Enforcement – Environmental General – **3-1-1** or **(915) 212-6000**
  
- **Problems with Swimming Pools outside El Paso City limits**
  - If draining:
    - Water Conservation – **(915) 621-2000**
    - Local Water District (*See Directory*)
  - If **not** draining:
    - Water Conservation – **(915) 621-2000**
    - Local Water District (*See Directory*)
    - El Paso County OSSF and Environmental – **(915) 855-9664**
  
- **Problems with Used/Handling of Oil**
  - City of El Paso Code Enforcement (to report illegal disposal of used oil and is within EP city limits) **3-1-1** or **(915) 212-6000**
  - City of El Paso, Municipal Services Environmental Division if it affects the city storm drains **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
  - El Paso Police Dept., Sheriff's Dept., or other Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
  - TCEQ – Waste Program **1-800-832-8224** or **(915) 834-4949**
  
- **Citizen Collection Stations – Free of Charge With Proof of a Recent El Paso Water Utility Bill**

Take your used oil (under 5 gallons) to any of these locations:

  - **North East – 4501 Hondo Pass**
  - **Central – 2492 Harrison**
  - **Westside – 121 Atlantic**
  - **Eastside – 1034 Pendale**

- **Eastside – 3501 Confederate**
- **Unauthorized Discharge of Pollutants Within the City of El Paso**
  - City of El Paso Code Enforcement **3-1-1** or **(915) 212-6000**
  - City of El Paso, Municipal Services, Environmental **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
  - El Paso Water Utilities – **(915) 594-5500**
  - TCEQ – Regional Office **1-800-832-8224** or **(915) 834-4949**
- **Unauthorized Discharge of Pollutants Within the River/Flood Plain/City Sewer Manhole**
  - City of El Paso Code Enforcement **3-1-1** or **(915) 212-6000**
  - City of El Paso, Municipal Services, Environmental **1-877-ID FLOWS (433-5697)**
  - El Paso Police Dept. – Regional Command Center (*See Directory*)
  - El Paso Water Utilities – **(915) 594-5500**
  - TCEQ – Regional Office **1-800-832-8224** or **(915) 834-4949**
  - U.S. International Boundary Water Commission – Environmental Management Division **(915) 832-4100/4700**
- **Unauthorized Discharge of Pollutant Outside El Paso City Limits**
  - El Paso County Sheriff's Dept. – Police Dept. that covers your area (*See Directory*)
  - El Paso Water Utilities – **(915) 594-5500**
  - TCEQ – Office of Compliance and Enforcement **1-800-832-8224** or **(915) 834-4949**

## ◆ **Whom do I call to get information about how to apply for environmental grants?**

- Río Grande Council of Governments – **(915) 533-0998**
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Border Office **1-800-887-6063** or [www.epa.gov/grants](http://www.epa.gov/grants)

## ◆ **Where can I recycle?**

- **Within City Limits - Citizen Collection Stations**
- **Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (MUST PRESENT A RECENT EL PASO WATER UTILITY BILL WHICH IS DATED WITHIN THE LAST 3 MONTHS AND IDENTIFICATION MATCHING THE HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS)**
- **Call the Collections Division for more recycling information at 3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000**
  - North East – 4501 Hondo Pass
  - Central – 2492 Harrison

- Westside – 121 Atlantic
- Eastside – 1034 Pendale
- Eastside – 3501 Confederate
- **Outside City Limits:**
  - Socorro: 241 Old Hueco Tanks Rd., **Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
  - Clint Landfill: 2300 Darrington Rd. **Mon.-Sat. 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

### ◆ **What can I recycle?**

- For a complete list of what items you can/cannot recycle, please visit <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/recycle>

### ◆ **Where can I take my extra trash?**

- **Within City Limits - Citizen Collection Stations**
- **Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m (MUST PRESENT A RECENT EL PASO WATER UTILITY BILL WHICH IS DATED WITHIN THE LAST 3 MONTHS AND IDENTIFICATION MATCHING THE HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS)**
- **Call the Collections Division for more recycling information at 3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000**
  - North East – 4501 Hondo Pass
  - Central – 2492 Harrison
  - Westside – 121 Atlantic
  - Eastside – 1034 Pendale
  - Eastside – 3501 Confederate

### ◆ **What type of trash do they accept at the Collection Sites?**

- For a complete list of what items they accept/do not accept, please visit <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environemntal-services/clean-elpaso/citizen-collection-stations>

### ◆ **What else can I do if I can't go to the Collection Sites?**

- Request a special collection (prices start at \$15.00 – subject to change without notice) – (915) 212-6000
- Order an additional automated trash container (Approx. \$17.00 plus tax per month – subject to change without notice)
- Take trash to one of the landfills:

- Clint Landfill - 2300 Darrington Rd. (Presently, not accepting commercial waste Call the Clint Landfill to verify when commercial waste will be accepted (915) 851-3194)

# DIRECTORY

AGENCY	WEBSITE	LOCAL OFFICE	AREAS OF CONCERN
Anthony Police Department	<a href="http://www.antxpd.org/">http://www.antxpd.org/</a>	915-886-3838	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report environmental crimes</li> </ul>
City of El Paso Animal Services	<a href="http://www.elpasotexas.gov/animal-services">www.elpasotexas.gov/animal-services</a>	915-212-PAWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Animal control inside City limits</li> </ul>
City of El Paso Environmental Services (ESD)	<a href="http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services">www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services</a>	915-212-6000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recycling</li> <li>Replacing trash bins</li> <li>Nuisance enforcement inside city limits</li> </ul>
City of El Paso Anti-Graffiti Program	<a href="http://www.elpasotexas.gov/streets/anti-graffiti-program">www.elpasotexas.gov/streets/anti-graffiti-program</a>	3-1-1 915-212-6000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graffiti removal</li> </ul>
Clint Police Department	<a href="http://www.epcounty.com/sheriff/clint_patrol.htm">http://www.epcounty.com/sheriff/clint_patrol.htm</a>	915-851-3287	
El Paso County Attorney Environmental Crimes Unit		915-546-2050	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prosecutes misdemeanor environmental crimes</li> <li>Community presentations</li> </ul>
ENVIRONMENTAL HOTLINE	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services</a>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report environmental crimes</li> </ul>
El Paso County Sheriff's Dept.	<a href="http://www.epcounty.com/sheriff/default.asp">http://www.epcounty.com/sheriff/default.asp</a>	915-546-2280	
<b>El Paso Police Department</b>	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department</a>	915 832-4400	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Regional Command Center</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/central">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/central</a>	915-212-0210	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Westside Regional Command Center</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/westside">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/westside</a>	915 212-0370	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northeast Regional Command Center</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/northeast">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/northeast</a>	915-212-0305	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission Valley Command Center</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/mission-valley">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/mission-valley</a>	915-212-0400	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pebble Hills Command Center</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/pebble-hills">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/police-department/regional-commands/pebble-hills</a>	915-212-0190	
Horizon Police Department	<a href="http://www.horizoncitypd.com/">http://www.horizoncitypd.com/</a>	915-852-1047	
Socorro Police Department	<a href="http://ci.socorro.tx.us/police-department/">http://ci.socorro.tx.us/police-department/</a>	915-858-6983	
Sunland Park, NM Police Department	<a href="http://sunlandpark-nm.gov/">http://sunlandpark-nm.gov/</a>	575-589-2225	
<b>El Paso Water Districts</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horizon Regional Municipal Water District</li> </ul>	<a href="http://horizonregional.com/bill.htm">http://horizonregional.com/bill.htm</a>	915-852-3917	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>El Paso County Tornillo Water Improvement District</li> </ul>		915-764-2966	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>El Paso County Water Improvement District #1 (Irrigation District)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canutillo</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.epcwid1.org/">https://www.epcwid1.org/</a>	915-872-4000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>El Paso County Water Control and Improvement District #4</li> </ul>		915-877-2448	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lower Valley Water District</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.lvwd.org/2018/">http://www.lvwd.org/2018/</a>	915-764-2212	
		915-791-4480	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District</li> </ul>		915-857-1092	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Boundary &amp; Water Commission U.S. &amp; Mexico</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.ibwc.gov/home.html">https://www.ibwc.gov/home.html</a>	915-832-4100	
El Paso Water Utilities	<a href="http://www.epwu.org/">http://www.epwu.org/</a>	915-594-5500	
City of El Paso Building Planning and Inspections	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/planning-and-inspections">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/planning-and-inspections</a>	915-212-0104	
City of El Paso Fire Dept. Fire Prevention Division	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/divisions/fire-prevention">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/divisions/fire-prevention</a>	915-212-5699	
City of El Paso ID Flows	<a href="http://www.epwu.org/stormwater/idflows.html">http://www.epwu.org/stormwater/idflows.html</a>	1-877-ID-FLOWS (433-5697)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report illegal storm water dumping</li> </ul>
<b>City of El Paso Representatives</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 1</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district1@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0001	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 2</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district2@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0002	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 3</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district3@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0003	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 4</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district4@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0004	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 5</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district5@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0005	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 6</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district6@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0006	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 7</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district2@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0007	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 8</li> </ul>	E- mail address: district2@elpasotexas.gov	915-212-0008	
Air Quality Control Program	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services/air-quality">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services/air-quality</a>	915-212-0200	
El Paso Food Inspection Division	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/public-health/programs/food-inspection">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/public-health/programs/food-inspection</a>	915-212-0200	
El Paso City Attorney's Office	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/city-attorney">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/city-attorney</a>	915-212-0033	
El Paso County Attorney's Office Environmental Prosecutor	<a href="http://www.epcounty.com/ca/environment.htm">http://www.epcounty.com/ca/environment.htm</a>	915-546-2050	
El Paso County District Attorney's Office	<a href="http://www.epcounty.com/DA/">http://www.epcounty.com/DA/</a>	915-546-2059	
<b>El Paso County Commissioners</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>County Judge</li> </ul>	500 E. San Antonio, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor El Paso, TX 79901 E-mail address: CountyJudge@epcounty.com	915-546-2098	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precinct 1</li> </ul>	E-mail address: Commissioner1@epcounty.com	915-546-2014	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precinct 2</li> </ul>	E-mail address: Commissioner2@epcounty.com	915-546-2111	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precinct 3</li> </ul>	E-mail address: Commissioner3@epcounty.com	915-546-2144	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Precinct 4</li> </ul>	E-mail address: Commissioner4@epcounty.com	915-546-2044	
City of El Paso Collection Division	<a href="https://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services/collections">https://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services/collections</a>	915-212-6000	
Office of the Secretary of State El Paso Office		915-834-5630	
Rio Grande Council of Governments	<a href="http://www.riocog.org/">http://www.riocog.org/</a>	915-533-0998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Services &amp; Special Projects</li> </ul>
<b>Texas Department of Transportation</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East El Paso</li> </ul>		915-857-5041	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>West El Paso</li> </ul>		915-757-5900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance</li> </ul>
West Texas Urban Forestry Council	<a href="http://www.wtufc.org/">http://www.wtufc.org/</a>	915-834-5610	
<b>Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance and Enforcement</li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.tceq.texas.gov/">https://www.tceq.texas.gov/</a>	915-834-4949	

• Special Investigations		915-834-4949	
• Small Business & Local Governments		915-834-4974	
• Reporting Crimes after 5:00 p.m. and holidays		1-800-832-8224	
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department	<a href="https://tpwd.texas.gov/">https://tpwd.texas.gov/</a>	915-834-7050	
Union Pacific Railroad		1-888-877-7267	
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 – South Central	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-6-south-central">https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-6-south-central</a>	214-665-2200 1-800-887-6063	
Environmental Protection Agency – El Paso		915-533-7273 1-800-887-6063	
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Law Enforcement Division		915 730-7031	
<b>University of Texas at El Paso</b>	<a href="https://www.utep.edu/">https://www.utep.edu/</a>		
• Environmental Health & Safety		915-747-7124	
• Center for Environmental Research Management		915-747-5494	
• Science Department		915-747-8027	
Graffiti Wipe Out Program		915-533-3434	
West Texas Community Supervision & Corrections Department	<a href="http://www.epcounty.com/EPCS/default.htm">http://www.epcounty.com/EPCS/default.htm</a>	915-546-8120	
<b>El Paso County Non-Profit Organizations</b>			
• A.Y.U.D.A. (Adults & Youth United Development Association) – San Elizario	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/Adults-and-Youth-United-Development-Association-AYUDA-139000326122963/">https://www.facebook.com/Adults-and-Youth-United-Development-Association-AYUDA-139000326122963/</a>	915-851-0272	
• La Fe Montana Vista Community Center – 14618 Gregg Dr., 79938		915-857-1567	
• Rio Vista Community Center – 901 Rio Vista, Socorro, TX		915-860-8615	
• Sparks Housing Development Corporation – 106 Peyton Rd., 79928		915-852-2245	
• United Native American Nation		915-422-1700	

## ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

### **ILLEGAL DUMPING:**

Disposing or allowing the disposal, or receiving or transporting litter or other trash at a place that is not an approved trash site, including private or public property, or someone else's trash receptacle.

- **PUNISHMENT:**

- For an individual - Fines up to \$10,000 or up to 2 years in jail, or both
- For a corporation or an association – Fines up to \$10,000

### **WATER POLLUTION:**

Throwing into or allowing someone to dump a waste or pollutant into or close to water in the State that causes or threatens to cause water pollution, unless you have a permit.

- **PUNISHMENT:**

- For an individual – Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than \$100,000 or up to 5 years in jail, or both.
- For a corporation or an association – Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than \$250,000.

### **AIR POLLUTION:**

- Illegal outdoor burning of trash and other things without a permit, unless there is an exception.  
- You may not burn trash or other things, such as yard trimmings, within the El Paso and Socorro city limits.

- You may not burn trash or other things, such as yard trimmings, outside the city limits unless the trash is regular domestic waste, comes from a family residential home, you burn only your trash, and you **do not** have trash pick-up.

(\*Usted no debe quemar basura u otras cosas, tal como zacate, arbustos, o pedazos de árbol, dentro de los límites de las ciudades de El Paso, Horizon, y Socorro. El Condado de El Paso, tiene una Orden que prohíbe quemar basura dentro del **TODO** El Condado de El Paso.\*)

- You may **NEVER** burn any of the following:

- Tires
- Appliances
- Furniture
- Metal
- Rubber
- Asphalt materials
- Heavy oils
- Any material which may produce unreasonable amounts of smoke
- Plastics

- **PUNISHMENT:**

- For an individual: Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than \$50,000 or up to 6 months in jail, or both.
- For a corporation or an association: Fines not less than \$1,000 or more than

\$100,000.

**PUBLIC NUISANCE:**

Any property that is occupied or used as a residence, business or for pleasure **must** be kept in a sanitary condition (clean and orderly).

- A person **may not** permit vacant or abandoned property that is owned or controlled by the person, to be in a condition that will create a public health nuisance or other condition that is bad for the public health.

- A person **may not** allow the overflow of septic tank or similar device, or allow a blatant discharge from an on-site sewage disposal system, or contaminate the ground with sewage.

- Kitchen waste, laundry waste, or sewage **may not** be allowed to accumulate in, discharge into, or flow into a public place, gutter, street, or highway.

- Waste products, polluting material, spent chemicals, garbage, used tires, or other waste of any kind **may not be stored, deposited, or disposed of** in a way that may pollute the surrounding land, contaminate groundwater or surface water, or that may breed insects or rodents.

• **PUNISHMENT:**

- Fines not less than \$10 or more than \$200.
- If found guilty of violating this law within 1 year, fines of not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000 or 30 days in jail, or both.
- ***EACH DAY OF A CONTINUING VIOLATION IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE.***

**WHAT CAN I DO TO STOP ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES  
IN MY COMMUNITY?**

**Protect Yourself Against Waste Haulers Who Illegally Dump Your Trash!**

**You are ultimately responsible for the disposal your own waste/trash**, even if you give it to someone else to dispose of it, or even if you tell someone to dispose of your trash legally.

If you are paying someone to haul your trash, you should obtain the following to protect yourself **before the hauler receives the trash:**

1. signed statement from the hauler that the waste will be disposed of legally; **AND**
2. the statement **must** include the hauler's valid Texas driver's license number.

## CITIZEN'S CHECKLIST

If you want to stop people from dumping trash and polluting your environment, be active in helping law enforcement agencies get these offenders, by doing the following that apply to your situation, if safe and possible. *See form.*

- If you see it happening, call 911 or 1-888-6ELPASO, and report it.
- Write down the date, time, and place where the illegal dumping is happening.
- Write down what you see, such as the license plate number of the vehicle used.
- Take a photo of the person dumping and anyone else who is helping dump trash.
- Take a photo of the vehicle that is being used in the dumping.
- Take a photo of the trash/waste that was illegally dumped.
- If you are by yourself, do not confront the person(s) dumping. **Think of your safety first!**

Call your local law enforcement agency to make a report and to have the law enforcement agency take the evidence for safe keeping.

- The Police Dept. that covers your area; (*See Directory*)
- Sheriff's Dept., **1-888-6ELPASO or (915) 546-2280**
- Environmental Services Code Enforcement (if within the El Paso city limits); **3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000** or
- El Paso County On-Site Sewage and Environmental Dept. (if outside El Paso city limits) **(915) 855-9664**

Call the El Paso County Attorney's Environmental Prosecutor to follow-up on your complaint. **(915) 546-2050**

## REPORTING ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES



This form is to give you an idea of the type of information a peace officer, inspector, and/or investigator would look for when investigating an environmental crime. This form is NOT designed to replace a peace officer. **If you see a crime in progress, Call 911 or the Environmental Hotline: 3-1-1 or (915) 212-6000**

Try to obtain as much of the following information you can:

1. Describe what you see.
2. Date and time you observed this.
3. Where? (Address of incident)
4. Name and date of birth of the person dumping.
5. Make, model, year, color, **license plate** of vehicle used by the person.
6. Your name, address and phone numbers where you may be reached.
7. Preserve any evidence. It is better to leave the scene as you see it. **Let the police gather the evidence.**
  - Is there trash containing mail?
  - Is there a waste or pollutant that needs to be tested?
8. If at all possible, take a photo of the person committing the crime, the vehicle used, and the dumpsite.
9. Call the Environmental Hotline: **1-888-6 EL PASO** or the non-emergency number of your local police department. **El Paso Police Dept. 832-4400.**

**Never risk your life or that of another to catch someone. Do the best you can, and use your common sense.**