

County Clean-Up Assistance Program (CCAP)

Sponsored by the Illegal Dumping Taskforce

The Imperial County Solid Waste Cleanup Voucher Program (CCAP) is established by the Public Health Department in collaboration with the Illegal Dumping Taskforce to be an effective tool for the timely cleanup of small illegal dumpsites, and to prevent the creation of public nuisances. CCAP provides financial support to victims of illegal dumping on private property located in the unincorporated County that may not be eligible for grant funding. The primary objective of CCAP is to provide property owners with an easy means of reporting and disposing of illegally dumped waste while maximizing the availability of local funding to assist with disposal costs.

Illegally dumped waste often contains types of waste that require special handling. No hazardous substances, waste tires, universal or electronic wastes, or appliances will be covered by the voucher pass. If these types of wastes are present, the CCAP staff will help coordinate with other programs and means of disposing of these items at no charge to the reporting property owner. CCAP vouchers will be issued only for solid waste that can be received at local landfills.

After receiving the application, the LEA will attempt to identify the party responsible for the illegal dumping. Finding the responsible party and holding that party responsible for the cleanup of the waste is one of the primary goals of the Illegal Dumping Taskforce. The prompt reporting of illegally dumped waste will assist the LEA in identifying the responsible party. The longer the site sits, the more that identifying materials will degrade. It is important for staff to examine the waste to first try and identify the responsible party and secondly, if this is not possible, to assess the waste to determine the most appropriate landfill facility.

The CCAP Process

To Determine Eligibility

- A. Complete a Voucher Application. A Voucher Application can be obtained by calling Environmental Health Division at (442)265-1888. You will be asked to provide the following information:
 - 1. The property location;
 - 2. An estimate on when the dumping occurred; and
 - 3. A brief description of the waste dumped on the property.

The Voucher Application can then be sent to you electronically, or by mail.

- B. Submit the Voucher Application. The completed Voucher Application can be returned to Environmental Health Division at 1221 W. Main St., Suite B, El Centro, CA 92243 or emailed to envhealth@co.imperial.ca.us.
- C. There is no fee associated with the submission of a voucher application.
- D. To be eligible, the subject property must be within the unincorporated County and the waste located on the property must be the result of illegal dumping.

Issuing the Voucher

- A. If voucher funds are available and the above eligibility requirements have been met, a voucher will be issued to the property owner to pay for the disposal costs of illegally dumped waste at a participating landfill. The voucher will be issued by the Imperial County LEA to the property owner or, his or her authorized agent.

- B. CCAP only covers the costs of disposing of solid waste at a participating landfill. It does not cover other costs that may be associated with the cleanup of private property, such as hiring a contractor, renting equipment, or transporting of wastes to the landfill.
- C. If a property owner is unable to remediate the property on his or her own, he or she may utilize an authorized agent to do the cleanup work. However, the person issued the voucher must be present at the landfill to utilize the voucher, unless both the property owner and the authorized agent have been pre-approved by the LEA on the signed voucher application form. Any load limits or eligibility restrictions of the issued voucher will apply to the authorized agent as a signatory on the voucher application.
- D. In an effort to maximize the availability of funding to county residents, the LEA will determine on a case by case basis if a property owner would be eligible for more than one voucher for any identified illegal dumping site.
- E. By signing the voucher form, the property owner certifies that he or she has read and understood the Program Requirements, and that the illegally dumped wastes will be cleaned in conformance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws.

Using the Vouchers

- A. When disposing of illegally dumped waste under the CCAP, the following items must be presented to a permitted landfill:
 - 1. A valid form of identification; and
 - 2. A voucher pass issued by the Imperial County LEA.
- B. The voucher will be accepted at the specified landfill listed on the voucher pass.
- C. The voucher must be presented to a participating landfill for disposal of the waste within thirty (30) days of issuance, or as otherwise specified on the voucher pass.
- D. The property owner or other authorized agent that is identified on the voucher form must be present. The voucher pass is not transferrable.
- E. The voucher will expire upon the date listed on the voucher pass. If the voucher is not utilized, it will be considered void upon expiration.
- F. Each load of waste to be disposed of shall be limited to one (1) ton, and a maximum of four (4) loads shall be permitted under a voucher. The LEA may limit the weight or number of loads based on the initial investigation of the site. Any loads in excess of the weight or number approved by the LEA shall become the financial responsibility of the property owner.
- G. In conformance with state regulations, all loads transported to a participating landfill must be tarped. No hazardous substances, waste tires, universal or electronic wastes, or appliances will be covered by the voucher pass. If these types of wastes are present, please contact the LEA to inquire about other programs and means of disposing of these items at no charge.
- H. Once the waste has been properly disposed of at a permitted landfill, a weight ticket will be provided as a receipt of waste disposal. Please retain this record as evidence that the waste has been removed from the property to a permitted landfill.

For additional questions or information, please contact:
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