

Penalties for illegal dumping

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EPA 970/12: This information sheet summarises the significant penalties for illegal dumping.

Operating a waste depot without a licence

If you knowingly allow waste to be dumped on your land without an appropriate licence you could be fined up to \$60,000 and corporations face fines of up to \$120,000, under section 36 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993*.

Even if you unknowingly accept waste onto your property, illegal dumping can cost you thousands of dollars to clean up and leave your land contaminated and reduce its value. Neither EPA nor councils are responsible for cleaning up private property where illegal dumping has occurred. The cost of cleaning up waste is the responsibility of the landowner.

Unlawful disposal of waste

Waste producers or transporters who dispose of waste illegally could be fined up to \$120,000 and face up to two years imprisonment and corporations face fines of up to \$250,000, under clause 10 of the *Environment Protection (Waste to resources) Policy 2010*. Poor operators could even have their EPA licence revoked.

Causing environmental harm

If you dump waste and the dumping causes serious environmental harm you could be liable for a fine of up to \$500,000 and four years imprisonment, and corporations face fines up to \$2 million under section 79 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993*.

Further information

Legislation

Legislation may be viewed on the Internet at: <www.legislation.sa.gov.au>

Copies of legislation are available for purchase from:

Service SA Government Legislation Outlet
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108 North Terrace
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