



Enforcement **Alert**

Making You Aware of Anticipated Enforcement Activities

Illegal Dumping of Solid Waste

Who is affected by this initiative?

Anyone generating, transporting or disposing of construction and demolition debris in New Jersey is affected by this initiative. All those engaged in rebuilding are encouraged to be aware of how construction and demolition debris is being handled. All citizens are invited to help by reporting any illegal dumping.

What is occurring?

As the rebuilding from Hurricane Sandy progresses, it remains imperative that illegal dumping of solid waste not occur – and will not be tolerated. Illegal dumping will further set back our State's recovery efforts and work against our rebuilding goals for a vibrant, healthy, safe and resilient New Jersey.

What is NJDEP doing?

1. NJDEP invites the public to help with vigilance against improper disposal of waste and the resulting degradation to our lands and waterways. Citizens, officials, community groups and businesses are asked to report any illegal dumping promptly to the NJDEP emergency hotline number at **1-877-WARNDEP** (1-877-927-6337). If you are able to take pictures or video (after calling the hotline) please email them to solidwasteemergencies@dep.state.nj.us with the location, date and time, and vehicle make, model and license plate number, if available.

2. NJDEP has advised the New Jersey State Police and local officials of the dumping laws available and to take immediate and strong enforcement actions against illegal dumpers. The Solid Waste Management Act authorizes NJDEP, local boards of health and county health departments to initiate civil actions for violations of the Act.

3. NJDEP's solid waste inspectors and its solid waste transportation oversight unit will be focusing on areas generating significant amounts of debris from the rebuilding efforts. Investigations may include following waste haulers or contractors to their destinations, periodic surveillance of past illegal dumping areas and roadside inspections of waste hauling vehicles.

4. Illegal dumping and other harmful unauthorized activity will result in swift and severe action up to and including:

- a. A mandatory fine of **\$2,500.00** for first offense, increasing to **\$10,000** for subsequent offenses;
- b. Mandatory **loss of driver's license** for six months to one year;
- c. **Forfeiture of vehicles** used or intended for use in the unlawful transportation or disposal of solid waste;
- d. **Mandatory community service** up to 90 days.

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What should I do?

1. Ensure that any waste or debris is removed by transporters registered with the NJDEP and all equipment involved displays the NJDEP Hauler identification number along with a current decal, as follows:
 - a. *Contractors* who transport self-generated waste from their own construction or demolition jobs should display decals which state “A-901 Exempt” or “Self-Generator.” These decals are cross-hatched in yellow or teal with an expiration date of 6-30-2013 (yellow) or 6-30-2015 (teal), as shown below:



- b. *Contractors who transport waste generated by someone else* should display decals which state, “Licensed” or “A-901 Licensed”. These decals are yellow or teal with an expiration date of 6-30-2013 (yellow) or 6-30-2015 (teal), as shown below:



- c. *Containers* such as “roll-offs,” “dumpsters” or “cans” are often staged at large job sites. All containers must also have current decals which state “Container Only”, “A-901 Licensed Container” or “Self-Generator Container.” These decals are cross-hatched in yellow or teal with an expiration date of 6-30-2013 (yellow) or 6-30-2015 (teal), as shown below:



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2. Be aware of useful information that explains, enables and supports legal disposal. The following website <http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/debris.htm> contains information relating to contacts, locations and hours of operation for approved disposal facilities. Questions on this information may be directed to (609) 292-9880.
3. Report illegal dumping or unlicensed transportation to the NJDEP emergency hotline number at **1-877-WARNDEP** (1-877--927-6337). If you are able to take a picture or video with your phone or camera, (after calling the hotline) please email it to: solidwasteemergencies@dep.state.nj.us with the location, date and time, and vehicle make, model and license plate if available.

Who can I contact with questions?

During Business Hours:

Duty Officer
NJDEP Bureau of Solid Waste Enforcement
P.O. Box 420
Mail Code 09-02
9 Ewing Street, 2nd Floor
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
(609) 292-6305

Non-Business Hours: 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337)

Where can I get more information?

- Hurricane Sandy information page: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/>
- Hurricane Sandy solid waste info: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/special/hurricane-sandy/debris.htm>
- General NJDEP contact information: <http://www.nj.gov/cgi-bin/dep/contactdep.pl>

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- Compliance Advisory Homepage: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/advisories.html>
- Advisory Comments may be directed to: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/survey.html>