



### So What is Litter?

- Litter basically is misplaced solid waste, such as
  - cigarette butts, fast food packaging and plastic grocery bags but can also be recyclable items such as paper, aluminum cans, plastic bottles and glass bottles

### According to Keep America Beautiful, people litter because:

- They feel no sense of ownership.
- They believe someone else—a park maintenance or highway worker—will pick up after them.
- Litter already has accumulated.
- It's convenient.

And the Texas Department of Transportation states that . . . *more than half of roadside litter in Texas flies out of the back of pickup trucks. Throwing lightweight objects in your truck bed is the same as throwing them out the window.*



Keep Sanger Beautiful, a Keep America Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful affiliate, is working with Sanger residents to improve the community.

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## Illegal Dumping and Environmental Enforcement Information

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# What you need to know:

## Tall Weeds, Grasses and Plants

- Not greater in height than 12"
- Properties over 5 acres must maintain 100 feet from street and adjacent property with a habitable dwelling

## Rubbish and Brush

- No objectionable, unsightly, or unsanitary materials may accumulate on any property

## Junked Vehicles

- A junked vehicle is defined as a self-propelled vehicle and does not have lawfully attached to it (a) an unexpired license plate or (b) a valid vehicle inspection sticker. If the vehicle is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled or is inoperable and has inoperable for more than 72 hours on public property or 30 days on private property.
- Junked vehicle may be within a building or screened by from public view by a fence.

## Litter

- No posting of notices on sidewalks, lamp, electric or telephone poles.
- No handbills may be placed in or upon vehicles
- Material shall be placed in receptacles so as to prevent scattering
- All trucks shall prevent any load, contents or litter from being blown from the vehicle

## Signs

- No sign shall be placed on public streets, alleys or on any pole along a street. This includes no sign advertising or announcing a garage or temporary sale of merchandise new or used

## Residential Garbage and Trash Service

- Service is provided by IESI on Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday. Please bagged garbage at the curb by 7 a.m. Please call IESI at 1-800-909-9061 for bulky item pick-up.
- No paint, oils, solvents, tires, sludge, hazardous waste, batteries, gasoline or fuel
- Wood and carpet must be tied and bundled in 3 foot lengths and no more than 40 pounds
- Refrigerators, freezers, and other appliances will be picked up on the 2nd pick up of the week. All Freon must be removed.
- Yard debris is collected on regular pick-up. All debris must be cut in less than 4' lengths and stacked at the curb.

## Recycling

Newspaper and paper drop-off collection containers are located in the parking lots at the SISD Administration Parking Lot off Cherry Street and 5th Street and at Clear Creek Intermediate School at 1901 I-35 Service Road.



## Illegal Dumping

- Property owner shall have 10 days to remove solid waste material that has been illegally dumped.
- The City will work with the owner to identify ways to prevent repeat dumping on a site.

## Texas Litter Abatement Act: Health and Safety Code 365

- **Class C Misdemeanor: Fine up to \$500**  
5 pounds or less or a volume of 5 gallons or less
- **Class B Misdemeanor: Fine up to \$2,000 and/or up to 180 days in jail**  
More than 5 pounds but less than 500 pounds or a volume of more than 5 gallons but less than 100 cubic feet
- **Class A Misdemeanor: Fine up to \$4,000 and/or up to 1 year in jail**  
500 pounds or more but less than 1,000 pounds or has a volume of 100 cubic feet or more but less than 200 cubic feet; or dumping for a commercial purpose and weighing more than 5 pounds but less than 200 pounds or has a volume more than 5 gallons but less than 200 cubic feet.
- **State Jail Felony: Fine up to \$10,000 and/or up to 2 years in State jail**  
1,000 pounds or more, has a volume of 200 cubic feet or more; or  
– dumping for a commercial purpose and weighing 200 pounds or more, has a volume of 200 cubic feet or more; or  
– dumping a closed barrel or drum