

Illegal Dumping Enforcement Overview on Tuesday, May 13th

This will be an overview class open to all local government officials and staff on the laws and approaches available to them to combat illegal dumping.

CEU Credits

Six (6) CEU's for code enforcement, registered sanitarians, law enforcement. (TCOLE 3880 Environmental Law Enforcement)

For code enforcement officers this class will include one hour in *Legal / Legislative Updates Related to the Profession of Code Enforcement*.

It is appropriate for the following:

Municipal police, county deputies, constables, fire marshals, specialized environmental enforcement officers, emergency management coordinators; felony and misdemeanor prosecutors; health department officers; code enforcement officers; city and county elected officials and staff and others needing an understanding of basic illegal dumping enforcement.

Learning Objectives:

1. Demonstrate the importance of dealing with illegal dumping as a public health issue;
2. Show the overall enforcement context of Texas anti-pollution laws;
3. Emphasize the need and responsibility of local governments enforcing state criminal anti-pollution laws;
4. Discuss policy problems commonly encountered by local governments in enforcing anti-pollution laws.
5. Test the learning that has taken place in the class (for those seeking CEU credits).

Contents:

Controlling illegal dumping as a public health policy;

Overall structure of state and local anti-pollution enforcement:

- Administrative; Civil; Criminal; Municipal Code Approaches
- Criminal enforcement options for local governments

Using criminal laws to supplement municipal code enforcement:

THSC Chapter 365 Controlling Solid Waste and Litter;

- TWC Sec. 7.185 Lead Acid Batteries;
- TWC Sec. 7.177 Violations Relating to the Handling of Used Oil;

THSC Chapter 341 Public Health Nuisances;

- The special role of Local Health Authorities in Public Health Nuisance Abatement

THSC Chapter 343 Rural Public Nuisances;

TWC Chapter 7 criminal laws available:

- Mention of anti-pollution criminal laws covered in that chapter, including water pollution; hazardous and medical waste mishandling and dumping; waste oil; lead-acid battery dumping; and illegal outdoor burning;

Policy issues related to local enforcement;

Online test for those seeking CEU credits (open book, to be completed within 24 hours of course completion; passing grade 70% correct; one retake allowed)

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