

# REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegally dumped trash and debris can get washed into the streets, storm drains and/or local waterways which can cause problems such as localized flooding, stream bank erosion, stormwater pollution, and can significantly increase infrastructure maintenance costs to the City of Arlington.

The City's Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance Article 3.01 lists specific prohibitions for discharging into the City's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) or more commonly, the storm drain system. This includes the dumping of trash, rubbish, yard waste or other floatable material. Visit [www.arlingtontx.gov/citysecretary/code-ordinances/](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/citysecretary/code-ordinances/) to learn more about the Stormwater Pollution Control Ordinance.

The Community's help is essential to catching and deterring illegal dumping. If you observe someone illegally dumping into the storm drain system, creek, stream or lake call the City of Arlington's Action Center at 817-459-6777 or file an online report at [www.arlingtontx.gov/contact](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/contact).

Provide the following information:



Date, Time and Location of incident



Description of vehicle and license plate number



Description of person(s) dumping material



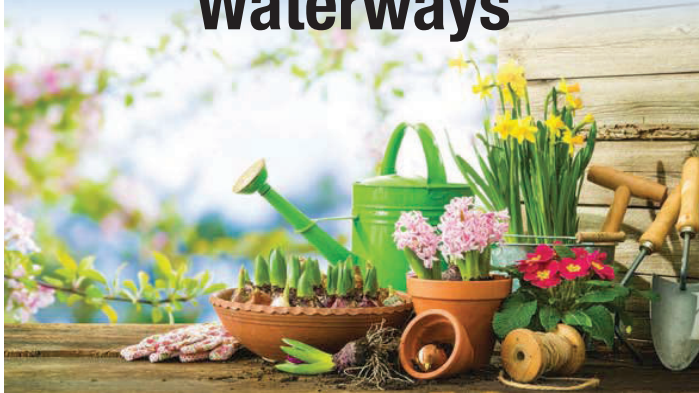
What items/materials were being dumped



Public Works and Transportation's  
Stormwater Management Division  
817-459-6550  
[www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater)

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# Protect Arlington's Waterways



Landscaping and Gardening activities can be major contributors to stormwater pollution. Fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides are washed off lawns and landscaped areas contaminating ground and surface water. These chemicals cause:

- Nuisance algae blooms
- Fish kills due to low dissolved oxygen
- Increased drinking water costs
- Harms beneficial insects, animals and plants

Sweeping or blowing leaves, grass clippings, tree trimmings and other yard wastes into the streets, storm drains or waterways damages our local water quality and is a violation of the Stormwater Pollution Ordinance.

- Yard waste clogs storm drain inlets which increases the risk of flooding.
- Garden and lawn chemicals are transported by this debris to our creeks and streams.
- Compost and recycle yards wastes. This reduces the costs of chemical fertilizers and reduces stormwater pollution.

Help Prevent Stormwater Pollution by visiting Stormwater Management's Environmental Education page at [www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/stormwater)