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Question #12 – Illegal Dumping

Dear Trash Talking Trish and Tabitha,

It's been awhile since I've seen your column... hope all is well!

I'm not usually one to complain but here I am. There seems to be an abundance of people who drop their garbage off stealthily in the middle of the night when it's not even collection day the next day. It boggles my mind how someone would think the stained couch they placed at the curb will disappear? I'm getting fed up seeing the contents of apartments and houses lining the streets and making our communities look bad.

I guess that was more of a RANT than a question, but I just had to get it off my chest. Can you do anything about this!?

Sincerely,

JA, Dunnville

Dear JA,

It has been a while since our last column! We didn't think anyone would notice, but we've been soooo busy at – yep, you guessed it – **ILLEGAL DUMPING AROUND THE COUNTY!**

We totally hear your frustration and disappointment, but please don't give up! The more we band together and work proactively on this stinky faux pas, the more we can keep the County beautiful and clean.

Here in the County's waste world, we have always believed that EDUCATION is the key to success! That stands true even with garbage collection. We do try to EDUCATE all those living, working and playing in the County but we are only a few voices that aren't always getting to the right people!

So, let's go back to the basics. Here are some key points we need people to know:

1) Garbage is to only be placed in your designated set out area as early as 7 pm the night before collection. Whatever is left behind must be cleaned up promptly.

2) If someone has bulky items they need to dispose of – (couch, bed, chair, kitchen set, etc.) – they need to call Modern at 1-844-624-3126 to schedule a *BULKY ITEM* pick up. It's free, and every household is entitled to TWO bulky item collections per year, with up to SIX items per collection.

3) Every time someone illegally dumps (in a ditch, field, common collection area etc.) and the County has to request an illegal dumping clean up, we all are responsible for paying for it! I'm thinking that this isn't known by everyone so now that it is let's, as we were saying earlier, band together and report those who think that no one will notice them putting out their garbage for others to clean up and ultimately

pay for. If you see illegal dumping, PLEASE report it to Haldimand County by calling 905-318-5932 or e-mailing waste@haldimandcounty.on.ca.

Well JA, we hope that we helped you out with your question and we didn't mean to be harsh BUT the facts are what the facts are! There is absolutely no way of candy coating illegal dumping and we are as frustrated by it as you, and I'm sure, others that want to keep our communities beautiful.

Well folks, keep 'em coming! Please download the Recycle Coach App for recycling and garbage information (like schedule disruptions, special drop off days, etc). And for others, if you have any burning trash questions, please feel free to send them to our NEW email address: waste@haldimandcounty.on.ca!

Sincerely,

Trash Talking Trish & Tabitha