

News Articles and Coverage Related to Illegal Dumping and Cameras

2018

Citizens even more empowered to report illegal dumping

Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service

March 27, 2018, Ald. Milele A. Coggs and Ald. Russell W. Stamper, II

Residents can report illegal dumping activity through the free city of Milwaukee MKE Mobile app.

The app can be downloaded from the Google Play store or the App Store.

<https://milwaukeeenns.org/2018/03/27/citizens-even-more-empowered-to-report-illegal-dumping/>

2019

City Fighting Illegal Dumping

New DNS program makes it easier for citizens to report problems, results in 16 citations.

Nov 14th, 2019 03:20 pm, Jeramey Jannene

DNS launched an anti-dumping program in 2018 that makes it easier for residents to report problems. Tips through the department's website have led to 16 citations and 13 payments totaling \$12,000.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2019/11/14/eyes-on-milwaukee-city-fighting-illegal-dumping/>

ILLEGAL DUMPING ON THE RISE IN MILWAUKEE [PHOTOS]

Photo series

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/i-team/illegal-dumping-on-the-rise-in-milwaukee-photos>

2020

Get rewarded for reporting illegal dumping that leads to a citation

Telemundo WI

Jan 3, 2020 1:47 PM CST, Staff

Abandoned properties on the city's north side have become targets for illegal dumping. Residents can report illegal dumping on the City's website. A reward of up to \$1,000 is available if the information provided leads to a citation.

<https://www.telemundowi.com/news/get-rewarded-for-reporting-illegal-dumping-that-leads-to-a-citation>

Treating an entire neighborhood like a trash can: Amani residents fed up with people who illegally dump trash

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Feb 20, 2020, Talis Shelbourne

Illegal dumping is a problem in many cities, especially in low-income neighborhoods. Some cities have tried progressively stiffer fines for repeated dumping. Residents expressed frustration at the prevalence of dumping and the difficulty of holding dumpers responsible. The number of illegal dumping complaints more than doubled from 111 in 2018 to 265 in 2019.

<https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2020/02/19/amani-residents-say-system-handle-illegal-dumping-inadequate/2609601001/#:~:text=%E2%80%9CThey're%20treating%20an%20entire,struggling%2C%20low%2Dincome%20neighborhoods.>

Is Tire Disposal Fee Causing Illegal Dumping?

Council wants data, raises concerns.

Jan 31st, 2020 10:16 am, Jeramey Janene

In September, 2019 DPW began charging \$3 per tire and \$5 per television at the City's Drop-Off Centers. With the fee changes, city contractors can now use the Drop-Off Center. Data presented by DPW showed a reduction of 18% in total tonnage from September through December 2019 compared to the same period in 2018. Tire collection was down 44% and television collection was down 39%. DPW reports some success in prosecuting illegal dumpers using Ring cameras.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/01/31/city-hall-is-tire-disposal-fee-causing-illegal-dumping/>

Bring Your Tires and TVs, Drop Off Centers Are Still Free

Milwaukee's two drop-off centers are now open Sundays, with no fees through at least the end of May.

May 15th, 2020 12:31 pm, Jeramey Jannene

Fees were suspended in March 2020 at the City's Drop-Off Centers resulting in a 14% increase in customers and a 40% increase in volume. DPW estimates the suspension has cost the City \$685,000 over the last 10 weeks.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/05/15/city-hall-bring-your-tires-and-tvs-drop-off-centers-are-still-free/>

2021

DPW To Test Smart Garbage Truck Technology

Could city fleet be used for reporting potholes and illegal dumping? Maybe.

Urban Milwaukee

Apr 22nd, 2021 12:17 pm, Jeramey Jannene

DPW is engaging in a three month pilot study to test data collection equipment that could improve the department's operations. The equipment could improve service management, billing, safety, maintenance and exception reporting. It could allow DPW employees to report issues like illegal dumping, brush piles or crash debris and automatically route them to the appropriate crews.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2021/04/22/city-hall-dpw-to-test-smart-garbage-truck-technology/>

Alderman's Plan To Pitch A Tent Triggers Late Night Trash Cleanup

Ald. Ashanti Hamilton claims even a dead body wasn't enough to get a garbage cleanup in Garden Homes neighborhood.

Urban Milwaukee

Sep 9th, 2021 10:49 pm, Jeramey Jannene

Ald. Hamilton was frustrated with the accumulation of trash on several city-owned homes near N. 27 Street and W. Atkinson Avenue. The trash first came to the alderman's attention in July. On September 8, 2021 he issued a press release saying that he would camp out at the site until the garbage was cleaned up.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2021/09/09/city-hall-aldermans-plan-to-pitch-a-tent-triggers-late-night-trash-cleanup/>

Does City Need Third Drop-Off Center for Waste?

DPW says it would provide efficiencies, but one alderman balks at the cost.

Urban Milwaukee

Dec 29th, 2021 02:18 pm, Jeremy Jannene

An assessment done by DPW found that a third Drop-Off location could reduce wait times at the other Drop-Off facilities and reduce the city's landfill costs. It could also lead to a reduction in illegal dumping by improving access to a legal disposal site.

In the long run, a transfer station could generate revenue from other municipalities as landfills eventually move further from the city. The expected payback on a transfer station is 19 years.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2021/12/29/city-hall-does-city-need-third-drop-off-center-for-waste/>

2023

Illegal dumping: The unsightly problem in Milwaukee that keeps piling up

Some people are dumping their garbage wherever they please, despite the risk of being fined up to \$5,000.

TMJ4

Jan 10, 2023

Some people are dumping their garbage wherever they please, despite the risk of being fined up to \$5,000. Collecting illegally dumped materials diverts DPW workers from other tasks like regular garbage collection. Illegal dumping can be reported anonymously with up to a \$1,000 reward if someone is caught and convicted.

<https://www.tmj4.com/news/local-news/illegal-dumping-the-unsightly-problem-in-milwaukee-that-keeps-piling-up>

Should Milwaukee Pay A Tire Bounty?

Idea is designed to combat illegal dumping, but at what price?

Urban Milwaukee

Mar 10th, 2023 04:12 pm, By Jeramey Jannene

Paying people to bring tires to the Self Help Yards was first proposed in 2019 by Ald. Bauman. DPW stopped charging for tires at the Drop Off Centers in 2020. In 2019, DPW reported paying between \$2 and \$3 per tire for disposal. A study done in 2021 estimated that it would cost \$10.85 million to build a third Drop Off Center. The cost would increase to \$19 million if the project included a new transfer station and to \$21.21 million with a transfer station and plow and salt storage facility.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2023/03/10/city-hall-should-milwaukee-pay-a-tire-bounty/>

Could Park Friends Help Prevent Illegal Dumping?

Urban Milwaukee

Nov 14th, 2023 11:17 am, Graham Kilmer

Milwaukee County Parks is exploring the development of a neighborhood-watch-style program for the parks to “crowdsource the eyes across the county.” The parks used to have a park watch program which evolved into the park friends groups that exist today.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2023/11/14/mke-county-could-park-friends-help-prevent-illegal-dumping/>

Illegal dumping in Milwaukee; leaders ramp up efforts to stop it

Fox News Milwaukee

November 30, 2023, 6:18PM, Stephanie Quirk

Milwaukee Police are increasing enforcement of illegal dumping and littering violations. Police are asking for the community’s help in reporting dumping and identifying perpetrators.

<https://www.fox6now.com/news/illegal-dumping-in-milwaukee-leaders-ramp-up-efforts-to-stop-it>

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