

**Indiana Department of Environmental Management** 

Open dumping is the illegal act of throwing household trash and wastes in places other than state permitted landfills or disposal facilities.

## When you see an *Open Dump*, Raport 11

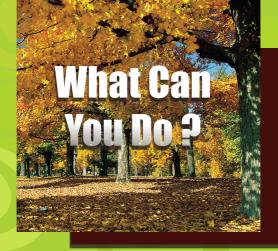
Report open dumps to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management by calling (800) 451-6027. IDEM is working to stop open dumping, but we need your help.

Violators can be prosecuted and face penalties up to \$25,000 a day per violation for open dumping.

## Open dumping is hazardous to your community

Open dumping can cause health, safety, and environmental hazards, such as:

- Potential fire hazards
- Damage to plant and wildlife habitat
- Creating havens for rats mosquitoes and other pests
- Soil, water, and air contamination;
- Injury to children playing in and around the dump site.



## What is the Best Alternative to Open Dumping?

- Take household trash and other materials to a state approved landfill.
- Haul glass, aluminum cans, plastics, newspapers, and corrugated cardboard to a recycling center.

If we all recycled just our paper products,
we could cut the amount of landfill space
that we need by nearly 40 percent!

## For more information

If you would like to learn more about recycling or how to properly dispose of your waste tires, e-waste, or household hazardous waste, visit the Recycle Indiana Web site:

www.recycle.IN.gov

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