

Illegal Dumping

City ordinances and state laws prohibit illegal dumping. The Coolidge Police Department will actively enforce these laws. If a police officer finds someone committing these violations, they should expect to be cited and/or arrested for the violations they commit. If found guilty, violators may face jail time and extensive fines. The police department solicits the assistance of the public by calling 723-5311 to report any suspected illegal dumping.

Residents who are current on their sewer and trash bill and have a large amount of trash (no large amounts of construction debris) can contact Public Works at 723-4882. They will provide an eight-yard roll-off bin for you to dump your trash in, or it can be taken directly to the Public Works yard located at 355 S. First Street, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

This is free!

Local and state laws:

Coolidge City Ordinance 10-3-4: Dumping, Garbage, Refuse or Trash

It is unlawful for any person to place or cause to be placed any garbage, refuse, or trash upon any public or private property within the city, except as specifically permitted in this chapter. Violation of this ordinance is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Coolidge City Ordinance 10-5-12: Placement of Debris

Any person, firm, or corporation who shall place any rubbish, trash, filth, or debris upon any private or public property not owned or under the control of said person, firm, or corporation shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, in addition to any fine which may be imposed for violation of any provisions of this section, shall be liable for all costs which may be assessed pursuant to this article for the removal of said rubbish, trash, filth, or debris.

Arizona State Statute 13-1603: Criminal littering or polluting; classification

A. A person commits criminal littering or polluting if such person without lawful authority does any of the following:

1. Throws, places, drops, or permits to be dropped on public property or property of another which is not a lawful dump any litter, destructive or injurious material which he does not immediately remove.
2. Discharges or permits to be discharged any sewage, oil products or other harmful substances into any waters or onto any shorelines within the state.
3. Dumps any earth, soil, stones, ores or minerals on any land.

B. Criminal littering or polluting is punished as follows:

1. **A class 6 felony** if a knowing violation of subsection A in which the amount of litter or other prohibited material or substance exceeds three hundred pounds in weight or one hundred cubic feet in volume or is done in any quantity for a commercial purpose.
2. **A class 1 misdemeanor** if the act is not punishable under paragraph 1 of this subsection and involves placing any destructive or injurious material on or within fifty feet of a highway, beach or shoreline of any body of water used by the public.
3. **A class 2 misdemeanor** if not punishable under paragraph 1 or 2 of this subsection.

Get involved and report Illegal Dumping to the Coolidge Police Department. 520-723-5311