2018 Illegal Dumping Promotion

1. Advertising on select waste collection vehicles
2. Illegal Dumping Brochure

**Electronics**
Waste electronics can be dropped off for recycling free of charge at any of the Region’s Waste and Recycling Drop-off locations. Many retailers and charities also collect old electronics for recycling free of charge. Visit recyclemyelectronics.ca to search for a waste electronics collector near you.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)**
Niagara Region residents may drop off HHW material at drop-off depots free of charge. These depots are located throughout Niagara in:
- Thorold HHW Drop-off Depot at 3577 Thorold Townline Road, Thorold (off Taylor Rd.)
- Humberstone HHW Drop-off Depot at 700 Humberstone Road, Welland
- Niagara Road 12 HHW Drop-off Depot on Concession 7, West Lincoln
- Bridge Street Waste & Recycling Drop-off Depot at 300 Bridge Street, Port Erie

Please note that the Bridge Street Depot is limited to only accepting batteries, cooking oil, oil, paint and propane tanks.

There are also retail take-back locations for various HHW. Visit the following websites for more information and drop-off locations: makeithedrop.ca, healththetward.ca, regeneration.ca

**Construction and Demolition Material**
Construction and Demolition material such as drywall, wood and stings must be taken directly to the Region’s Waste and Recycling Drop-off locations. Disposal fees apply.

niagararegion.ca/waste

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**Leaf and Yard Waste**
Leaf and yard waste is collected weekly from single family homes and in apartment buildings up to six units.

Branches are collected curbside for four consecutive weeks during the spring and fall from single family homes and in apartment buildings up to six units. In order for branches to be collected, they must be set out according to specified size and weight limits. Leaf and yard waste can be dropped off free of charge year-round at the Region’s Waste and Recycling Drop-off locations.

**Grass**
Grass clippings are not collected from the curb. The Niagara Region encourages leaving grass clippings on your lawn to naturally decompose. Grass clippings that require disposal must be dropped off at the Region’s Waste and Recycling Drop-off locations. Grass is accepted free of charge.

**ILLEGAL DUMPING IS A CRIME**
3. Illegal Dumping Rack Card

![Illegal Dumping Rack Card Image]
4. Newspaper Advertisements

Illegal Dumping is a Crime

See it. Report it.

Niagara Region and your local municipality are tackling the issue of illegal dumping. You can help be part of the solution by reporting a location where materials have been dumped or if you have witnessed someone illegally dumping.

A reward of $200 will be awarded for reports of illegal dumping on public regional or municipal roads or properties which lead to a conviction, or a reward of $50 for reports that lead to a compliance.

Report online at niagararegion.ca/waste or call the Region’s Waste Info-Line at 905-356-4141 or 1 800-594-5542. Provide as many details as possible including location, time, materials dumped, car make/colour, licence plate and description of people.

Information on illegal dumping can also be submitted anonymously using Crime Stoppers of Niagara. To leave an anonymous tip, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.
5. Banner displayed at Outreach Booth at community events
6. Arena Board Advertisement
7. Transit Advertisement

8. Public litter bin stickers, branded for each municipality help educate residents that illegally dumping household garbage into public litter bins is not permitted, its helps deter illegal dumping through enforcement, give residents the opportunity to report illegal dumping and helps the Region address more cases of illegal dumping each year.
9. Spring Green Scene article

Illegal Dumping into public litter bins continues to be a problem. In 2017, staff conducted a “Litter Bin Blitz” to educate and prevent dumping into litter bins. As a result, 33 warning letters were issued to suspected generators. The Region continues to provide a $50 cash reward to any person whose report of illegal dumping results in an act of compliance. That means the person who was reported to be dumping returned to the site and removed the dumped materials. A $200 reward is given to any person whose report of illegal dumping leads to a conviction.

To report acts of illegal dumping:
- Call Crime Stoppers of Niagara 1-800-222-TIPS
- Call the Region’s Waste Info-Line 1-800-594-5542
- Report online at niagararegion.ca/waste

Reports submitted through Crime Stoppers of Niagara will be accepted anonymously. Any resident found guilty of illegal dumping can be fined up to $500 under the Region’s waste management bylaw.

10. Fall Green Scene article

Illegal Dumping

As a result of the watchful eyes of Niagara residents, there continues to be an increase in the number of reports of illegal dumping since the See It, Report It program started in 2012. In the first half of 2018, 360 reports of illegal dumping were received. Two reports were received through Crime Stoppers (1-800-222-TIPS). Niagara Region staff has issued 41 warning letters where they have found evidence in material that was illegally dumped on public property and 25 warning letters where they have found material illegally dumped into public litter bins. A $50 reward was issued to a resident who reported an illegal dump that led to compliance, which means that the person who was reported illegally dumping returned to the site to clean the material up. One offence notice was issued, which still needs to go through the courts.

Niagara Region continues to work with local area municipalities and community partners to bring awareness to this ongoing problem. Any resident found guilty of illegal dumping could be fined $500 or more under Niagara Region’s Waste Management By-Law.

To report acts of illegal dumping:
- Call Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS
- Call the Region’s Waste Info-Line 1-800-594-5542
- Report online at niagararegion.ca/waste
11. Social media posts

Illegal dumping is the disposing of material in non-designated areas, such as public roads, ditches, public property and public litter bins. Residents should report someone if they witness them illegally dumping material so that it will be investigated and cleaned up quickly.

To make a report residents can:
- Call Crime Stoppers of Niagara anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS
- Call the Region's Waste Info-Line at 1-800-594-5542
- Report online at https://www.niagararegion.ca/.../.../report-illegal-dumping.aspx

Residents should provide as many details as possible when reporting.