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Illegal Dumping

Location of Incident: Yuma County – Yuma, AZ

The Yuma County Sheriff's Office has seen an increase in illegal dumping within the County this year. During 2019, a total of 64 illegal dumping/littering investigations were conducted. As of September 30, 2020, there have been 68 illegal dumping/littering investigations. The Sheriff's Office investigated 12 cases in August and September of this year alone.

Debris found has consisted of household trash, furniture, lawn trimmings, and commercial materials. This debris has been found polluting multiple locations throughout Yuma County, predominately in desert areas surrounding the Foothills.

Sheriff Leon Wilmot states, "The Yuma County Sheriff's Office has a zero tolerance approach to illegal dumping. Each case is investigated fully to identify potential suspects and charge them accordingly."

Illegal Dumping/Criminal Littering ranges from a class 2 misdemeanor to a class 6 felony depending on the type and amount of the debris being dumped. A class 6 felony carries a maximum penalty of 2 years in prison and a \$150,000.00 fine.

Yuma County offers multiple solid waste disposal sites. The locations and hours are listed below:

- North Gila Valley Transfer Site, 7870 E. County 5th Street
Open Friday to Tuesday from 6:30 AM to 2:00 PM (closed Wednesday and Thursday)
- Wellton Transfer Site, 12850 S. Avenue 29E
Open Sunday and Monday from 7:00 AM to 1:30 PM
- Tacna Transfer Site, 39745 E. County 8th Street
Open Friday and Saturday from 6:00 AM to 3:30 PM
- Dateland Transfer Site, 61818 N. County 2nd Street
Open Sunday from 6:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Commercial, industrial, or large loads of solid waste can be delivered to the following locations:

- South Yuma County Landfill, 19536 S. Avenue 1E, Yuma, AZ – (928) 341-9300
- Copper Mountain Landfill, 34853 County 12th Street, Wellton, AZ – (928) 785-3797
- Allied Waste Transfer Station, 3040 S, Avenue 3 ½E, Yuma, AZ – (928) 726-5210

Additional information about Yuma County solid waste management can be found at <https://www.yumacountyaz.gov/government/public-works/waste-management/solid-waste>.

Anyone with information regarding illegal dumping within the county, please contact the Yuma County Sheriff's Office at 928-783-4427 or 78-CRIME to remain anonymous. You can also visit our website at www.yumacountysheriff.org to submit an anonymous tip. You may also report illegal dumping to Yuma County Public Works at 928-217-3867.

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