

# **Report litter**

Have you seen illegally dumped garbage such as blue bags, fridges or used oil cans? Please let us know so that we can remove it.

## **Competent Department**

• Die Bremer Stadtreinigung

## **Basic information**

Illegal waste is waste that is illegally deposited in the open countryside, in forests or along streams and in public places, such as on the street, on roadside greenery, in public parks and on other municipal properties outside the designated waste garbage cans. You can report this so-called "illegal waste" so that it can be removed.

Illegal waste deposits include

- Large quantities of waste with a volume of approx. 100 liters or more
- Environmentally hazardous substances, regardless of the quantity. For example, car batteries and oil cans

It is also illegal dumping if the waste has been covered with earth.

This does not include smaller quantities of waste - these are disposed of by the street cleaning service. Of course, you do not have to report registered bulky waste either, as this is collected by the bulky waste collection service.

The dumping of "wild waste" is prohibited and constitutes an administrative offense. It can be punished with a fine.

If the person responsible for the "wild waste" can be identified, they will be charged for the disposal costs incurred.

## Requirements

The complaints and reports must be within the city limits and the jurisdiction of the City of Bremen. If the illegal waste deposits are in public areas, Die Bremer Stadtreinigung will take care of the disposal. In the case of private areas, Bremer Stadtreinigung will identify and inform the owner.

## What documents do I need?

- Amount of illegal waste dumping
- Exact location/place where the illegal waste was found
- Photos of the location (if possible)

## Procedure

You have several options for reporting illegal waste dumping:

Online services

- The online form from Die Bremer Stadtreinigung via the website or app guides you step by step through the application process.
- You can submit the required documents digitally.

#### By telephone

• Report illegal waste dumping by telephone to the customer service of Die Bremer Stadtreinigung.

Electronically

• Send an informal report electronically by e-mail.

## Legal bases

- Kreislaufwirtschaftsgesetz (KrWG)
- § 16 Bremisches Ausführungsgesetz zum Kreislaufwirtschafts- und Abfallgesetz
- <u>§§ 40-42 Bremisches Landesstraßengesetz (BremLStrG)</u>

### More information

As the owner of the property, you must generally also take care of the removal of waste that has been deposited on your property against your will.

If you report illegal waste, you remain anonymous. Only if you wish to appear as a witness for a report will your data be passed on in the course of a witness statement. This requires your consent. You will then be contacted by the responsible department.

The public order service investigates illegal waste disposal and provides information about proper waste disposal. Violations such as carelessly discarded chewing gum, pizza boxes or bulky waste, for example furniture, fridges, televisions and so on, are consistently punished by the public order service. The public order service works closely with Die Bremer Stadtreinigung.

The employees of the public order service give instructions, issue warnings free of charge or for a fee, report administrative offenses and take measures for general hazard prevention.

The public order service can levy a warning fine in cash directly on site or report an offense. In this case, you will receive a letter from the fines office.

In order to reduce charges and prevent illegal waste dumping, problem areas are systematically checked for waste receptacles. According to the connection obligation, inhabited or commercially used properties must be connected to the public waste disposal system.

## What deadlines must be paid attention to?

There are no deadlines.

## How long does it take to process

Illegal waste deposits on roads and paths in public spaces are removed within one week. In the case of other areas, the individual case is first investigated and responsibility is checked.

## What are the costs?

There are no costs.