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### **Illegal dumping affects us all**

Illegal dumping adversely affects the entire community. Not only is it unsightly and unhealthy, illegal dumping influences increased service costs to innocent taxpaying citizens, by driving up the expenses we incur to collect and dispose of the associated debris.

If left unresolved, this problem will continue to grow and unfavorably impact our financial and environmental quality of life. In view of this, the PMUA and City of Plainfield are joining forces to ramp up enforcement to dissolve this threatening issue. Through this partnership, increased surveillance and monitoring will be conducted ongoing to identify violators and enforce strict penalties for illegal dumping in Plainfield.

This crackdown will focus on hotspots around the city including vacant lots and other properties found to be especially susceptible to these large scale litter offenses. Other common targets will be closely watched, including downtown public receptacles where violators have been unlawfully dumping household garbage. We are taking this matter very seriously and urge all citizens to do the same and help put an end to this problem. With the collective watchful eyes of the community, swift reporting of suspicious activity and severe fines imposed on offenders, violators will be less inclined to dump around Plainfield and we can quickly begin to affect the positive reform needed to realize a cleaner, thriving city.

### **What to do if you spot illegal dumping**

If you see something, say something. Sightings of illegal dumping activity can be quickly photographed and reported using the free My Waste mobile app. A direct call to the Plainfield Police Department at 908-753-3131 is another safe and fast way to properly notify authorities. If making a report by phone, please give the address of the site and note any other information you can provide to identify the offenders. Snapping a picture or jotting down the details such as the license plate number and a description of the vehicle will go a long way in helping to bring culprits to justice. For your personal safety, always maintain a safe distance from these wrongdoers; do not approach those involved.

### **What to do if you need to dispose of an item**

Every property should have a hauler that collects their garbage and recycling. If you currently do not have these services at your location(s), or are looking to switch your service provider, call PMUA at 908-226-2518 or visit our website at <http://www.pmua.info/> to get information about waste disposal services and options available to you. Current PMUA customers should download the free My Waste mobile app for PMUA at [http://www.my-waste.mobi/html\\_ad/](http://www.my-waste.mobi/html_ad/) and get on-demand access to your personal collection



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schedule, 'what goes where' disposal instructions, report-a-problem and other great features. For information about proper disposal of electronic waste, batteries, hazardous waste, fluorescent bulbs and other special materials you should also visit the Union County website at <http://ucnj.org/recycling/>.

Remember, illegal dumping is a criminal offense. Those guilty will be identified and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. We thank the public in advance for their assistance, and together we can stop illegal dumping and keep our Queen City clean.