



City of Red Bluff

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NEWS RELEASE

TOPIC: Illegal Dumping and Illegal Use of Dumpsters

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SUMMARY:

The City of Red Bluff and Red Bluff Police Department have experienced an uptick in complaints concerning illegal dumping or littering as well as the illegal use of dumpster space. In an effort to bring awareness and to curtail this issue, the Police Department would like to provide the following information to the general public.

While it is well known that littering is unlawful, it is less understood that discarding one's trash into a dumpster can also be a violation of law. As one example, it is common practice for businesses throughout our City to rent dumpsters for their exclusive use. However, in an effort to avoid dump fees, some individuals will discard their personal garbage into a businesses' dumpster, thus reducing the ability of the company to utilize the dumpster as intended. In some circumstances this means the business has nowhere to discard their garbage. Put simply, it is essentially theft of garbage space.

Similarly, it has become far too common for dumpsters located within our City Parks to be utilized by someone attempting to dodge dumping costs. This leads to a variety of problems. One such issue is when City Public Works crews empty park trash receptacles, they have nowhere to put the trash. An additional concern is that some transients look through dumpsters after individuals discard their garbage within these dumpsters, often leaving behind a mess as they sort through the items.

Please be aware that the Red Bluff Police Department simply seeks cooperation and compliance in this matter. We have no desire to be the "garbage police," but increases in this activity require action. Therefore, the Police Department intends to be proactive in enforcing littering and illegal dumping violations in an effort to improve our community as a whole.

Citizens are asked to contact the Police Department business line at 527-3131 if illegal dumping of any kind is observed. Together, we can make a difference.

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The City of Red Bluff is an equal opportunity provider.

We, the members of the Red Bluff Police Department, are committed to being responsive to our community in the delivery of quality services. Recognizing our responsibility to maintain order, while affording dignity and respect to every individual, our objective is to improve the quality of life through a community partnership which promotes safe, secure neighborhoods throughout the city.