

ILLEGAL DUMPING & LITTER ABATEMENT TASK FORCE NEWSLETTER



IDLATF Quarterly Cleanup

On July 27, 2023, the IDLATF hosted its quarterly cleanup in Downtown Soledad, starting at 502 Front St. Across 11 volunteers, 4-5 cubic yards of trash and litter were collected! Soledad’s winds lead to an abundance of wind-blown micro litter that often accumulates in the empty field seen entering the City on Front St. Thank you to all our volunteers and partner agencies! Extra thanks to CalTrans for providing extra bags & litter pickers and taking the garbage bags for disposal at Johnson Canyon Landfill!

Want to participate in the next cleanup? Contact us [here!](#)

IDLATF LEADERSHIP:



Chair: Maria Ferdin, Monterey County Health Department



Co-Chairs: Mandy Brooks and Janna Faulk, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority



Volunteer cleanup of Elkhorn Rd. by the Elkhorn Slough Reserve

Adopt-a-Roadway

Monterey County Public Works manages the County-wide Adopt-a-Roadway Program, which allows individuals and groups to participate in litter removal, ditch cleaning, landscape maintenance, and graffiti removal. Volunteer efforts on County roadways increase public awareness, appeal to community values and pride, save taxpayer dollars, and help County workers focus on higher priority issues of safety.

Adopt-a-Roadway participants agree to the following:

- Perform function for two years
- 1/2 mile for ditch cleaning and landscape maintenance, 2 miles for litter removal
- Work must be performed at an assigned frequency

Monterey County Public Works will provide free bags, safety vests, and disposal, along with paint for graffiti eradication efforts.

Interested? More information - [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Come Join Us!

The IDLATF hosts its large group meetings every quarter.

The task force is divided into three subcommittees that meet monthly:

Eradication Subcommittee:

- Aims to eliminate illegal dumping & litter through regular community cleanups.

Education/Outreach Subcommittee:

- Spreads information and resources about illegal dumping and reducing it throughout our communities.

Enforcement Subcommittee:

- Encourages public compliance with regulations regarding proper waste disposal.

Check out our [website](#) for more information!

All meetings are open to the public!

Contact us [here](#) to participate!



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Tired of Illegal Dumping? Want to Help?



Report Litter/ Illegal Dumping

Unfortunately, litter and illegal dumping are persistent issues that present serious environmental and public health concerns for the residents of Monterey County.

Concerns of illegal dumping/litter:

- It is an eyesore
- It is a possible fire hazard
- May contain dangerous *hazardous materials* and chemicals
- Contaminates our environment, water sources, and crops
- Threatens human health and safety by attracting and harboring disease-transmitting vectors (mosquitoes, rats, and flies)
- Negatively impacts growers and public agencies that work to clean these sites
- It is a **HUGE** cost to all the taxpayers, Monterey County, and our partners to investigate dump sites and mitigate clean-up.

Report illegal dumping/littering [here!](#)

Disposal Voucher Program

The Monterey County Environmental Health Bureau, ReGen Monterey, and Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority have partnered to create the Disposal Voucher Program. This program offers **FREE** disposal of material for community clean ups and those affected by illegal dumping.

Material can be disposed of at the following locations: ReGen Monterey (Unincorporated Salinas), Johnson Canyon Landfill (Gonzales), or Jolon Road Transfer Station (King City) during normal operating hours.

For more information, rules, and regulations: contact the Monterey County Health Department at (831) 755-4505 or check out our website here!

Apply for the Disposal Voucher [here!](#)

Integrated Waste Management Task Force (IWMTF)

As a result of California Assembly Bill 939 & Public Resources Code 40950, the California Integrated Waste Management Act made all California cities, counties, and approved regional solid waste management agencies responsible for enacting plans and implementing programs to divert 25% of their solid waste by 1995 and 50% by year 2000.

- Legislation now mandates the 50% diversion requirement be achieved every year.

Monterey County Board of Supervisors established the IWMTF by resolution on February 27, 1990.

The IWMTF serves Monterey County residents by the following:

- Coordinate cost effective county-wide recycling system
- Identify SW management issues
- Determine need for waste collection systems, waste processing facilities, waste disposal systems, and marketing strategies to serve all residents
- Develop strategies marketing recyclables & compostable materials
- Develop goals and recommend policies consistent with State law and regulations
- Act as a forum for resolution of conflicts between waste management plans and operations of various jurisdictions

Members are nominated by jurisdiction and confirmed by the Board of Supervisors via Resolution.

Click [here](#) for list of jurisdictions!

Inquire [here](#) if interested!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY CLEANUP EVENTS

Republic Services (Salinas):

- October 21, 2023: District 6, Salinas: Natividad Creek Park, 9 am - 12 pm
- November 4, 2023 - District 4, Salinas: Location TBA

Waste Management

(Unincorporated Monterey County):

- October 14, 2023 - 625 Division Street, King City
- November 4, 2023 - 499 Salinas Road, Pajaro

Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling (Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield):

- October 7, 2023 - City of Greenfield Corp. Yard
- October 21, 2023 - Fairview Middle School