

Joint Base San Antonio - Working to Reduce Illegal Dumping!

## ILLEGAL DUMPING IS PROHIBITED ON JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO

Misuse of government solid waste bins by military personnel, DoD civilians, and residents on Joint Base San Antonio (JBSA) is a problem and must stop immediately. Dumping illegal waste at the installation is strictly prohibited as it pollutes the environment, creates a burden for the dumpsters owners, and is in violation of State and Federal law.



A couch placed in a solid waste dumpster is a prime example of illegal dumping occurring at JBSA.

### **Common Items Illegally Dumped:**

- building materials, construction, and demolition waste (paint, roofing shingles, drywall, concrete, lumber, wood pallets, bricks),
- appliances or electronic waste (A/C units, TVs, computers, refrigerators),
- scrap tires, auto parts, bicycles, batteries,
- hazardous household products,
- furniture, mattresses, and other household items,
- medical waste (potentially hazardous).

### **WHAT IS ILLEGAL DUMPING?:**

It is the unlawful disposal of hazardous (ie. paint, oil, coolants, batteries, electronics, tires) or nonhazardous material (construction materials ie. wood, lumber, fencing, pallets, etc) in an unpermitted area and typically occurs to avoid waste-handling fees or the time and effort required to dispose of waste properly. This illegal activity most commonly happens at night or early morning when the individual(s) are less likely to be seen.

**Solid waste dumpsters on military installations are allocated to specific activities that generate waste and are intended for "official use only." Dumping of hazardous or nonhazardous waste is unlawful and strictly prohibited.**



Government (Gov) wood pallets, lumber, and fencing must be disposed of inside a Gov Roll-Off (RO). **If these items are from someone's personal residence, they do not belong in any Gov refuse container.** The below picture is an example of a Gov RO.



### **WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?:**

Illegal dumping contributes directly to environmental pollution as waste can contain hazardous substances and cause other types of contamination. Disposal of materials in an unpermitted area can pollute our land, air and drinking water sources. It costs the government time and money to remove unlawful waste that should have been disposed of correctly the first time. **Tenants that use solid waste dumpsters pay for their use and are subject to additional costs/charges when people dump personal waste next to or into them.**