

What is illegal dumping?

Unauthorized disposal of waste on public or private property



Effects of illegal dumping

- **Health risks** – Attracts rodents, insects, and mosquitoes; Danger from sharp objects and potentially hazardous materials (especially to children)
- **Safety risks** – Creates fire hazard; Can create flood hazard if debris impacts drainage; May cause contamination of water and land
- **Property safety and property values** – Increases in criminal activities; Decreases property values
- **Costs** – Taxpayers carry cost of illegal dumping on public property; Property owner carries cost if on private property

Private property - MCHD



Complaints received by City for illegal dumping on private property are referred to Marion County Health Department (MCHD) for investigation and action at 221-2141.

Public property – City

- City picks up illegal dumping if on right-of-way, park, street, or alley, unless someone has evidence of who dumped illegally.
- Department of Public Work's goal to inspect and remove as quickly as possible.
- Department of Code Enforcement's goal is to investigate evidence to find responsible party to clean-up. Illegal dumping enforcement became responsibility of DCE on 1/1/10.



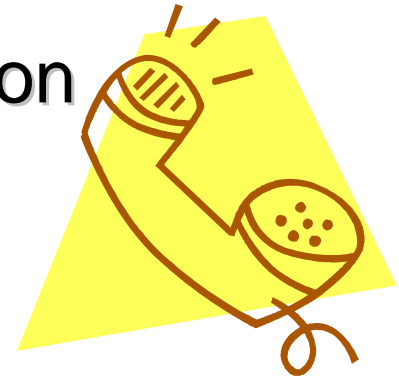
City's Ordinances - Currently

Illegal dumping or illegal discharge contained in many ordinances

- Chapter 341 “Boats, Docks, and Waterways”
- Chapter 361 “Litter”
- Chapter 391 “Nuisances”
- Chapter 431 “Streets, Sidewalks, and Public Ways”
- Chapter 575 “Environmental Public Nuisances”
- Chapter 601 “Garbage, Trash, and Refuse”
- Chapter 631 “Parks and Recreation”
- Chapter 671 “Sewers and Sewage Disposal”
- Chapter 735 “Wellfield Protection”
- Chapter 955 “Waste, Rubbish and Trash Hauling”

How you can help

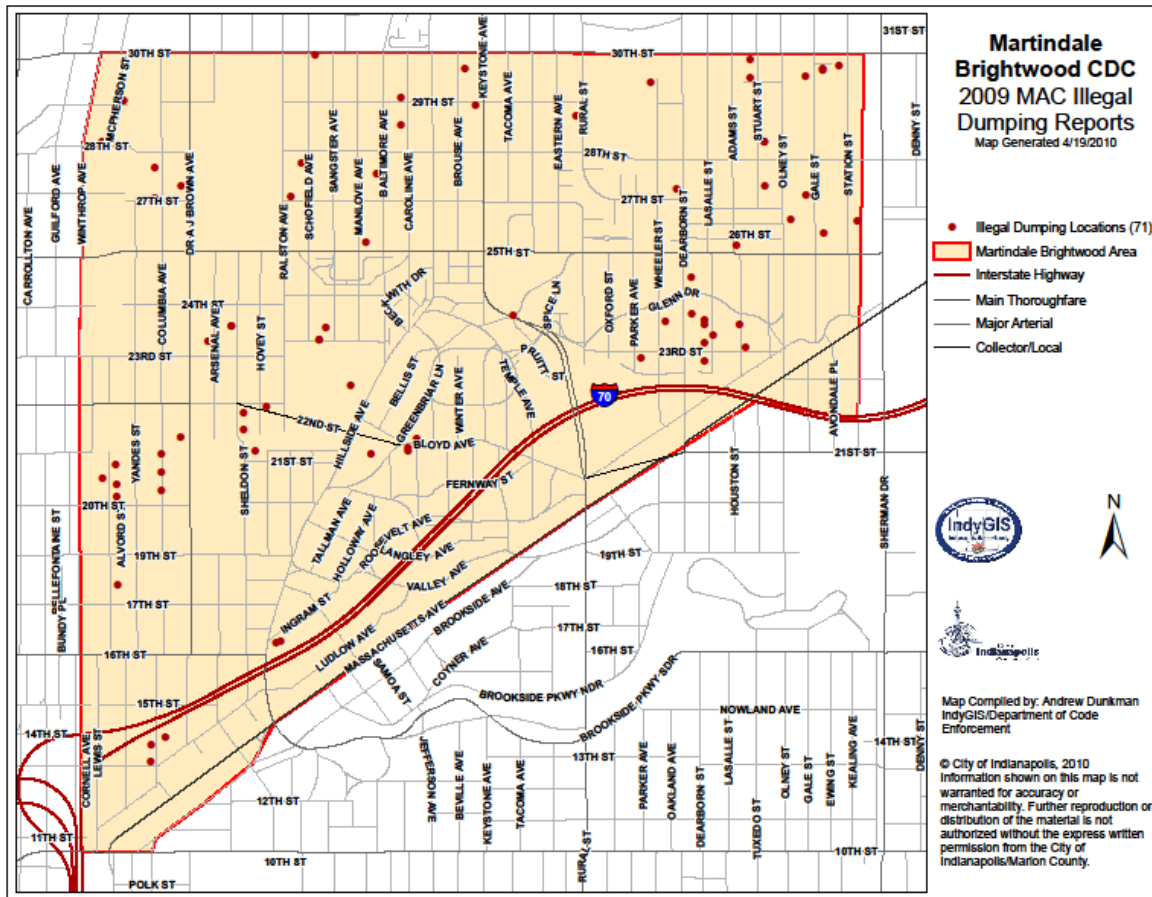
Report illegal dumping to the Mayor's Action Center by calling 327-4MAC (4622) or on-line at www.indy.gov/MAC



Provide as much detail as possible about:

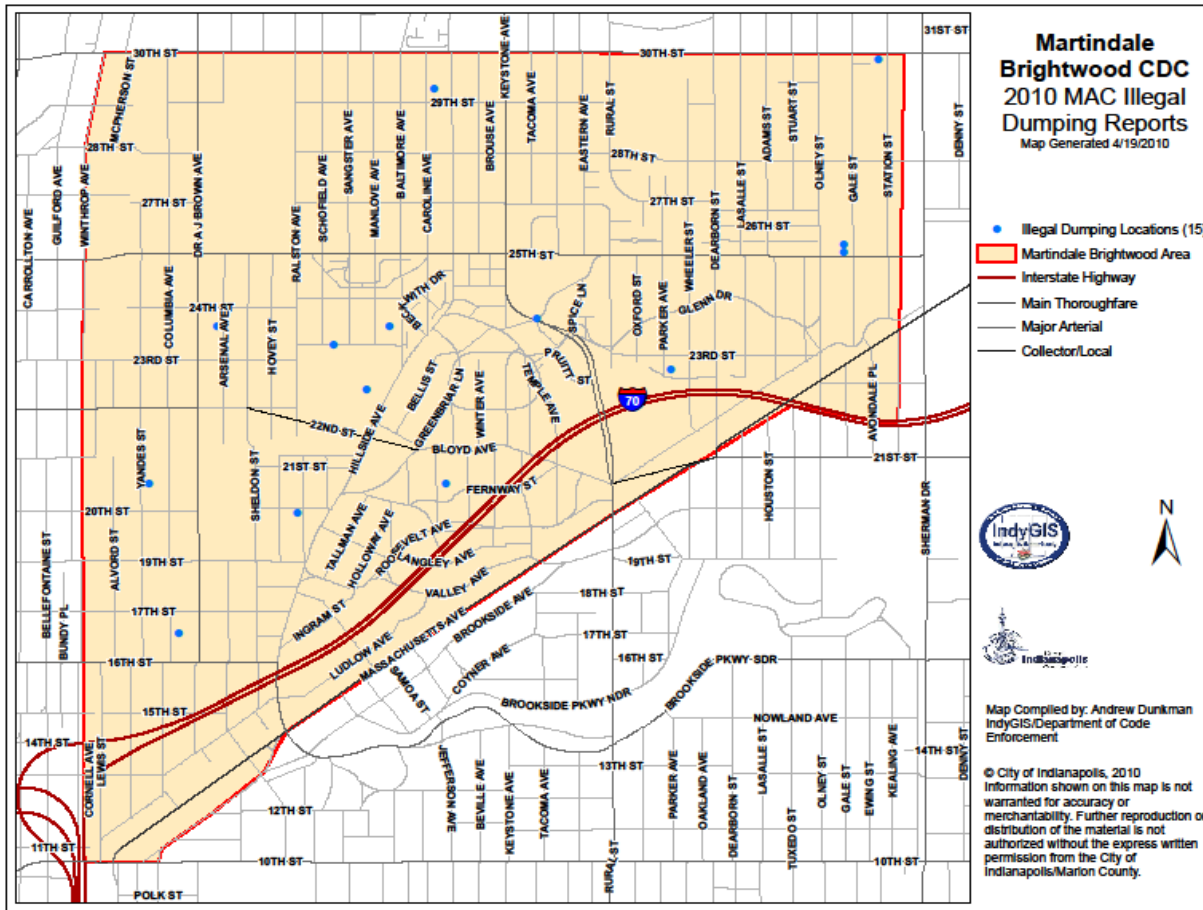
- Location (including public or private property)
- Type of debris
- Information about who dumped if witnessed

Reported illegal dumping in Martindale Brightwood



71 illegal dumping complaints reported to MAC from 1/1/09 through 12/31/09

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15 illegal dumping complaints reported to MAC from 1/1/10 through 4/19/10

City's Plans for Improvement

- Mayor's Improvement Program – Six sigma evaluation of current functions.
- Improved tracking and coordination of various agencies including DCE, DPW, MCHD, MAC, Mayor's Neighborhood Liaisons, IMPD, City Prosecutor's Office, IDEM, KIB and other interested parties.

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