

### **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

- ⇒ Local Police Department: 911
- ⇒ N.J. Department of Environmental Protection  
24 Hour Hotline: 1-877-WARN-DEP
- ⇒ N.Y. Department of Environmental Conservation  
24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-847-7332
- ⇒ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-424-8802

*If the disposal/spill occurred on or near the water,*

- ⇒ U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center  
24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-424-8802
- ⇒ USCG Staten Island: (718) 354-4120
- ⇒ USCG Sandy Hook: (732) 872-0300
- ⇒ Radio USCG VHF Radio Ch. 16 - Emergency only

*N.J. State Police Marine Unit, Troop F:*

- Atlantic City: 609-441-3586
- North Wildwood: 609-522-0393
- Point Pleasant: 732-899-5050
- Monmouth Beach: 732-842-7104
- Bivalve: 856-785-1330
- Newark Bay: 973-578-8173
- Burlington: 609-387-1221

*Marine Advocacy Groups:*

- ⇒ Clean Ocean Action:  
Sandy Hook: 732-872-0111  
Wildwood: 609-729-9262
- ⇒ NY/NJ Baykeeper: 732-888-9870 x8

*Additionally, for illegal dumping incidents contact local code enforcement officials and your county health department, listed in the blue pages of the phone book.*

#### **Applicable Laws:**

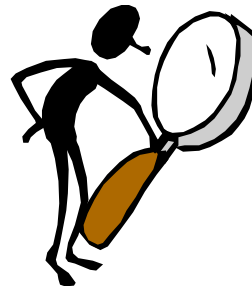
N.J. Laws Governing Environmental Crimes - Water Pollution Control Act: Title 58:10A-1 et seq, Solid Waste Management Act: Title 13:1E et seq, Solid Waste Utilities Control Act: Title 48:13A-1 et seq, Fresh Water Wetlands Protection Act: Title 13:9B-1 et seq, Spill Compensation and Control Act: Title 58:10-23.11 et seq, and Creating a Risk of Wide Spread Injury or Harm: N.J.S.A. 2C 17-2 et

### **Clean Ocean Action**

18 Hartshorne Drive      Institute of Coastal Education  
PO Box 505, Sandy Hook      PO Box 1098, 3419 Pacific Ave  
Highlands, NJ 07732      Wildwood, NJ 08260  
[www.CleanOceanAction.org](http://www.CleanOceanAction.org)

You Can Make a  
Difference  
in Your Community

**If You See It,  
Report It**



#### **IF YOU SEE:**

- ✓ Someone offloading or dumping material into the woods, field, wetlands, waterway or shoreline...
- ✓ A chemical or oil spill, or a garbage wash-up anywhere...
- ✓ Abandoned barrels or garbage in a forest, field, wetlands or waterway...
- ✓ Someone pouring materials or liquids down a storm drain...

**REPORT IT!**



## IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT!

Be aware and observe your environment. If you see someone illegally dumping solid or liquid materials on the ground or in waterways, take the following steps:

### STEP 1. Record the Information

*Record Who, What, When and Where:*

1. Vehicle description, license plate number and any other identifying numbers or markings.
2. Number and description of persons involved.
3. Location (visual, street address or GPS/Loran).
4. Time of day.
5. Type and amount of waste that was disposed.
6. Photograph scene if possible.



Do not confront the suspect dumpers personally. Let the appropriate authorities respond.

Do not touch, taste or smell any containers that were disposed. These containers could contain hazardous materials that could be harmful to your health. Observe the material from a safe distance, preferably upwind and up-hill.

### STEP 2. Report the Incident

*See reverse side for important emergency phone numbers.*



Ask for and write down an "incident report number" from each involved agency before hanging up. This way you can track the incident and follow up with each agency.

### STEP 3: Follow Up

*Ensure the disposed material is cleaned up.*

Call state and local officials for updates on the clean-up. If the party responsible for the disposal can't be located, it becomes the responsibility of the property owner to clean it.

### STEP 4: Get More Involved

*Encourage your municipal officials to be aggressive in pursuing and prosecuting environmental criminals.*

Contact your legislators and encourage them to make enforcement of environmental laws a priority.



Write a personal letter. They really do make a difference.

### STEP 5: Spread the Word

*Contact your area newspapers and other media.*



Write letters to the Editor.

Inform others of your concerns.

Join a local environmental organization or your town's environmental commission.

**You are the eyes and ears of your environment and community. Be a part of the solution, play an active role. You can make a difference in protecting our environment.**