



# Regional illegal dumping services

*Since 1993, Metro's Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol program has worked with local governments and law enforcement agencies to cleanup and investigate dumped garbage across the Metro region.*

Trash, old appliances, torn mattresses, used tires, broken furniture, oil, antifreeze and pesticides are a few of the things illegal dumpers leave on public lands, sidewalks, alleyways and in waterways, putting human health and wildlife at risk.

RID Patrol cleans up dumped garbage on public properties. Detectives assigned to Metro from local law enforcement agencies investigate evidence found in dumped garbage or eye-witness accounts of dumping incidents on either public or private property. Warnings or citations may be issued.

Report an illegal dump site by calling 503-234-3000 or online at [oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol](http://oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol).

## **Jurisdictional and regional partner support**

RID Patrol offers services and support to other local government, public entities, and law enforcement partners within the Metro region. RID Patrol can respond to reports of illegal dumping, provide support for cleanup and disposal of waste generated from camps, as well as collaborate on efforts to reduce or prevent illegal dumping throughout the region. Historically, RID Patrol has operated as a reactive and complaint based program. Metro seeks opportunities to work with local partners towards a more proactive approach to reduce illegal dumping.

## **RID Patrol resources**

- Weatherproof signs: available for free to public agencies to help prevent illegal dumping. For information about sizes and prices contact Tiffany Gates at [tiffany.gates@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:tiffany.gates@oregonmetro.gov) or 503-797-1867.
- Sharps containers: RID Patrol is committed to ensuring needles are not placed in the trash and can provide sharps containers to entities engaging with the public on proper needle disposal.



## **Pickup and disposal**

RID Patrol provides cleanup and disposal support to law enforcement and jurisdictional partners in the Metro region who conduct camp postings, respond to illegal dumps, and investigate illegal dump activity. In most cases, camp cleanup and disposal support requires an intergovernmental agreement, and advance scheduling. For more information contact Rob Nathan at [rob.nathan@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:rob.nathan@oregonmetro.gov) or 503-797-1691.