



CITY OF HAWTHORNE BULKY ITEM PICKUP AND ILLEGAL DUMPING

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City Council Meeting

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Agenda

Objective:

Present an overview of bulky item pick up and illegal dumping. Inform about the services the City offers and provide solutions to illegal dumping problems.

1. What are Bulky Items?
2. What is Illegal Dumping?
3. Current Services
4. City Events
5. Future Services



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What are Bulky Items?

Large household items, appliances and objects that are too big to fit into a regular trash bins

- ***Furniture:*** chairs, sofas, box springs, mattresses
- ***Appliances:*** refrigerators, washers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers
- ***Household Items:*** mirrors, doors, rugs



How to Schedule Bulky Item Pick Up



- Each multi-family building (greater than five [5] units) and residential customers is entitled to the collection of up to five (5) bulky items four (4) times per year
 - Up to 20 total bulky items per calendar year
- Bulky items must be placed on the curb **only after** you call to arrange a pick up
- Call Republic Services at (888) 742-5234 to set up a pick-up at your address
- The following items will not be picked up: Hazardous Materials, including waste oil or anti-freeze, Oversized items (any item that two people cannot lift)

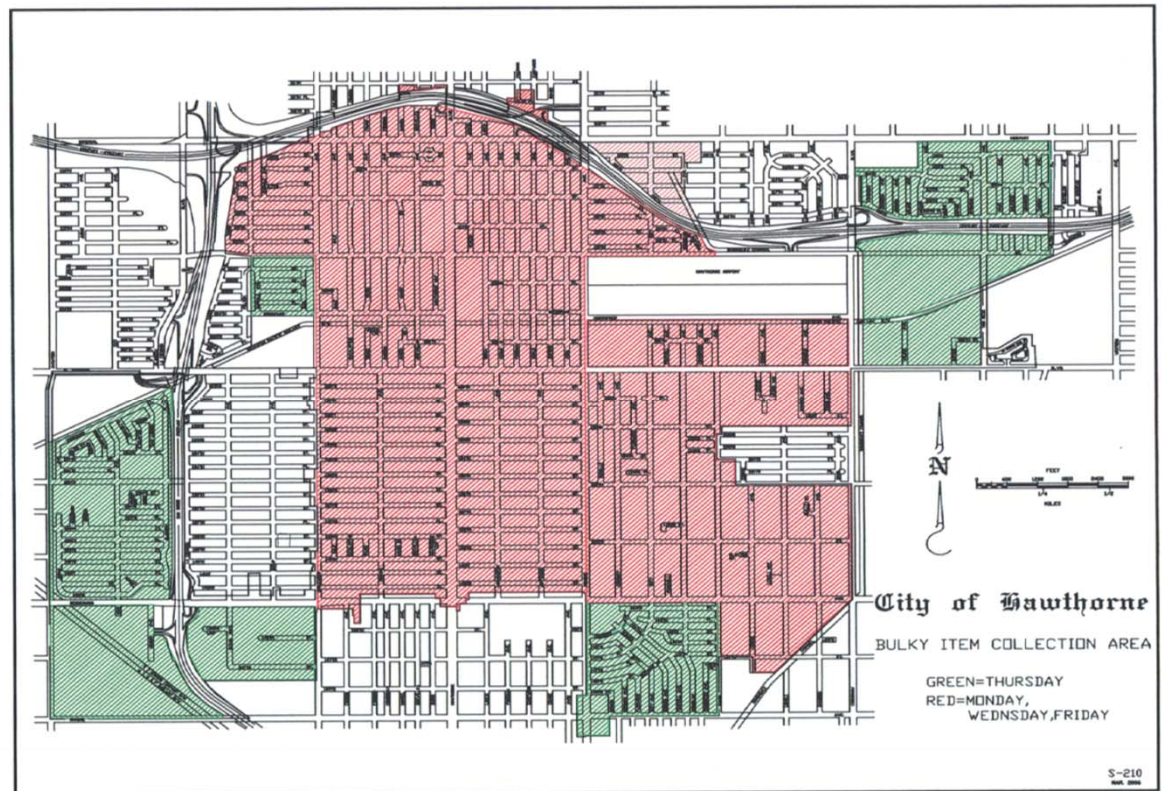
Bulky Item Scheduled Days



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Red Areas (NW Hawthorne, NE Hawthorne, Ramona, Burleigh, Moneta Gardens, Airport, MP): **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**

Green Areas (Holly Glen, Holly Park, Bodger Park): **Thursday**



What is Illegal Dumping?



- Improper or unauthorized disposal of unwanted trash, bulky items, or hazardous materials in areas around the City
- Example locations: empty lot, alley, railroad right-of-way or sidewalk
- Unreported incidents contribute to a cycle of repeat offenses, leading to the accumulation of trash, debris and waste

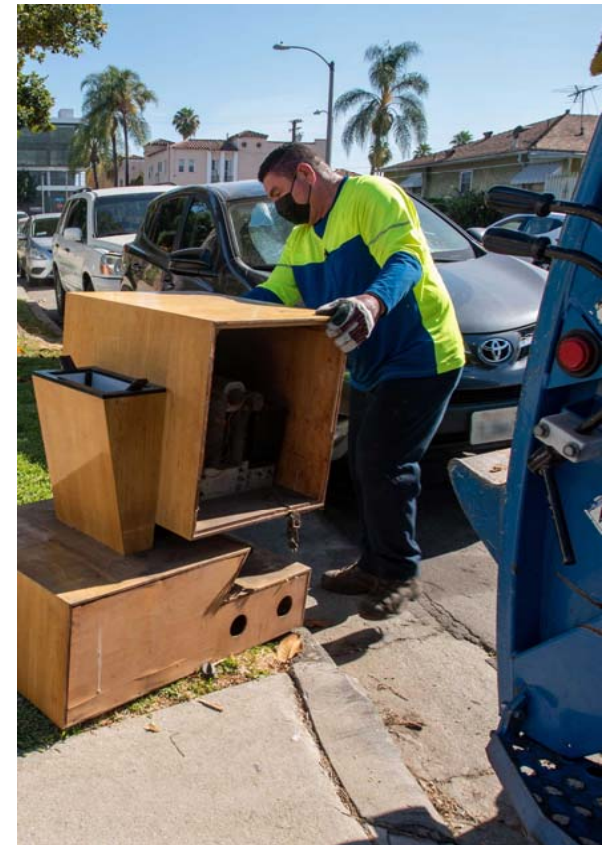


Why is Illegal Dumping a Problem?



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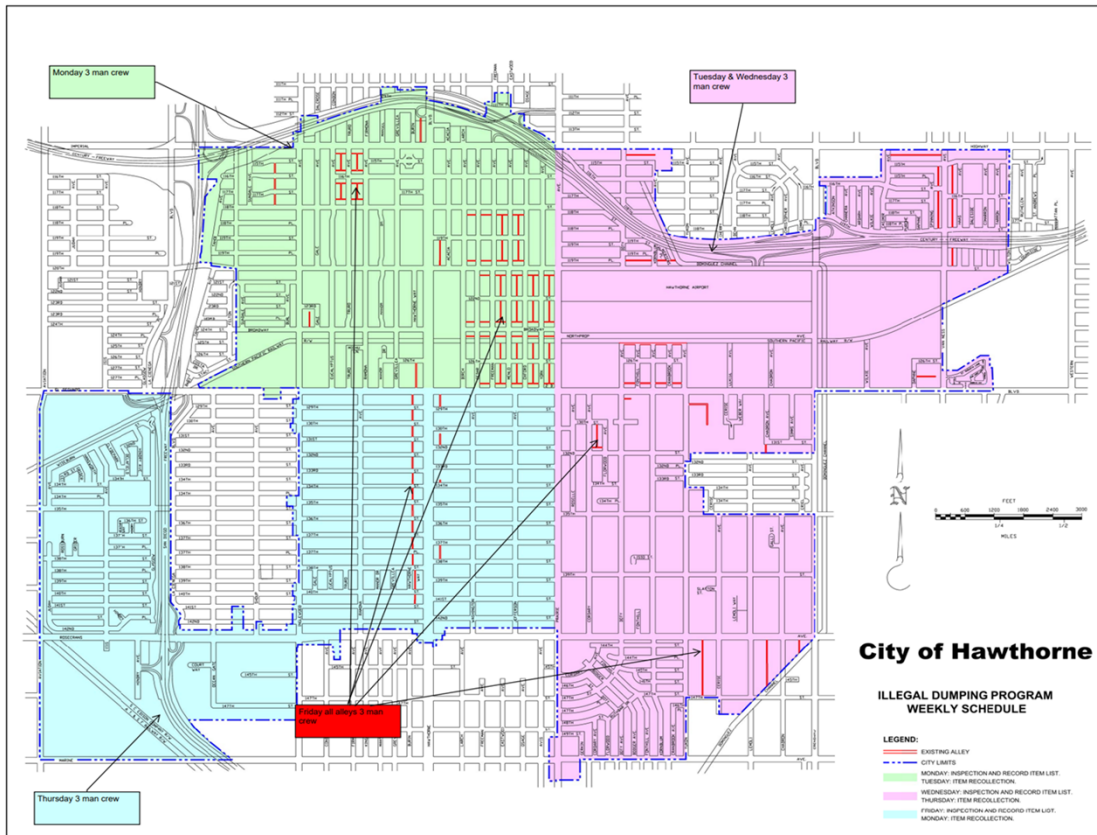
- **Environmental damage:** pollution of land and water
- **Health risks:** harmful bacteria, hazardous to people, especially children
- **Economic costs:** wastes taxpayer money, disrupts local economy
- **Degraded communities:** lowers property values, makes areas unsightly



Illegal Dumping Schedule



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Green: Monday
Purple: Tuesday & Wednesday
Blue: Thursday
Alleys: Friday

Illegal Dumping Hot Spots



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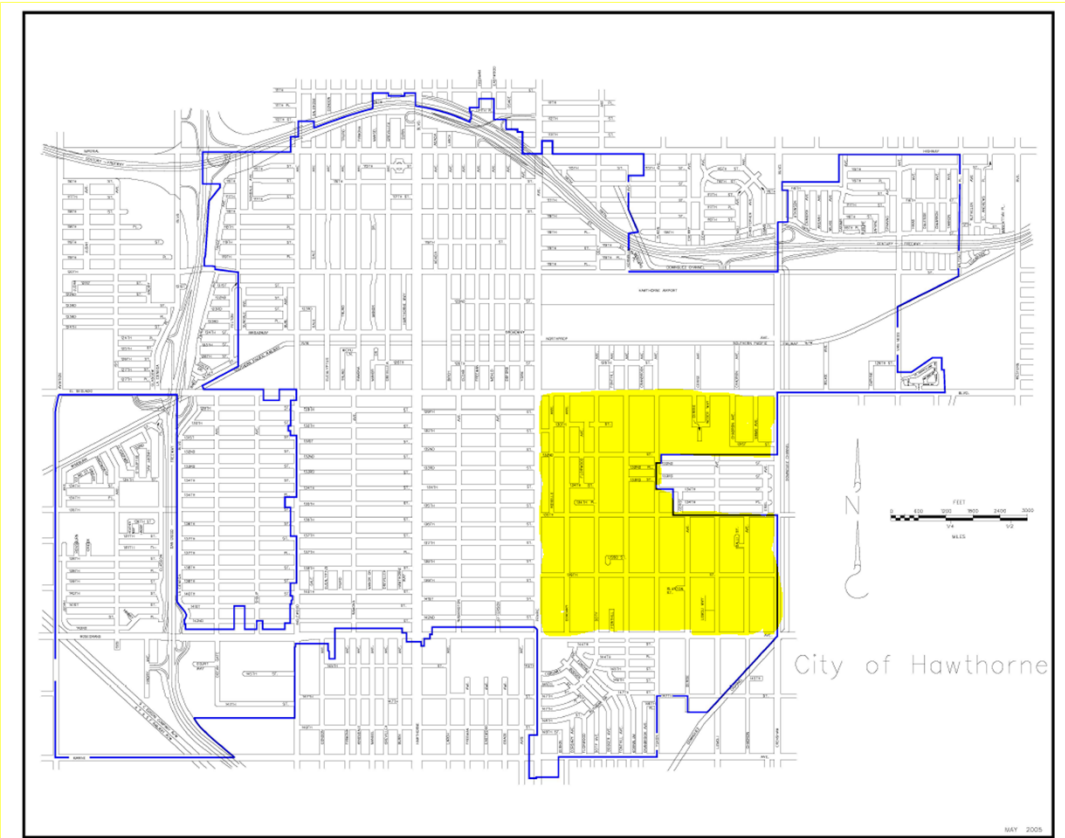
- High density areas, such as residential buildings, produce more bulky waste
 - Renters moving in or vacating tend to leave items behind
- Alleys, freeways, and railroad right-of-way: hidden, overlooked



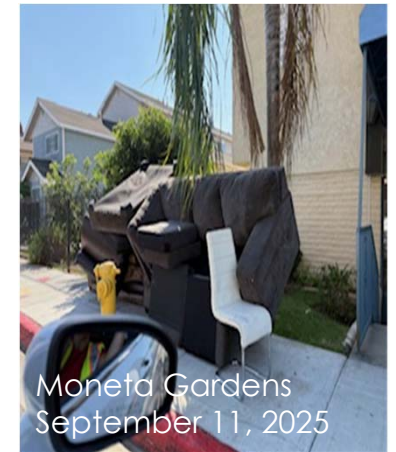
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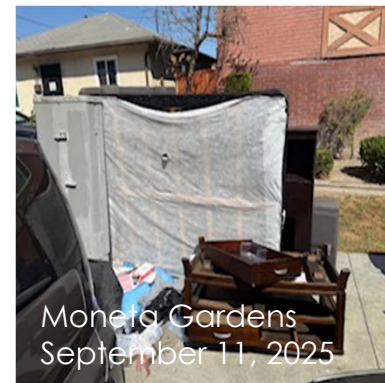
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Hawthorne Municipal Code



12.30.010 Discharge of debris on streets or sidewalks.

- A. No person shall willfully deposit or discard any bulky waste onto any street, curb, portion of street, public right-of-way or sidewalk.
- B. "Bulky waste" means solid waste that cannot be contained with a can or cart, including discarded furniture (such as chairs, sofas, mattresses and rugs); appliances (including refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, water heaters, dishwashers, plumbing, small household appliances and other similar items, commonly known as "white goods"); electronic equipment (including stereos, computers, and VCRs and other items commonly known as "brown goods"); residential wood waste (including tree branches and scrap wood); and tires.
- C. "Sidewalk" means the strip of property in front of and between the curb line and property line of the adjoining or abutting lot, piece or parcel of land within the city and bounded on the side or sides by the prolongation in a straight line of the sideline or lines of the lot, piece or parcel of land, in front of which such strip exists.
- **D. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine or not more than one thousand dollars or an imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment, as well as, in the alternative, be subject to a one thousand dollar (\$1,000) administrative fine.**

Current Services



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Public Works – Street Division

- Collection: 5 days/week
- Hot spots crew: 3 days/week
- Coverage: ~100 locations/day (≈ 7–8 bulky dumps)
- Weekly route highlights: City Hall, Bridge of Hope, public parking lots, Rosecrans Ave, Aviation Blvd, Moneta Gardens, and other hot spots



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Martinez Landscape (General Maintenance Contractor)

- Primary focus: Moneta Gardens, North Hawthorne, alleys, railroad ROWs
- Current service: 3 days/week, ~60 locations/day
- Expansion (Jan 1, 2026): 5 days/week + extra crew in targeted areas



Current Services



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- **Republic Services (Franchise Hauler)**
 - Benefit: Up to 4 free bulky-item pickups/year (5 items each) for MF/residential customers
 - How to use: Schedule ≥ 1 business day in advance
 - Restrictions: No oversized or hazardous items
 - Enforcement: 1st = Red tag; 2nd = Green tag + charges; repeated = fines



City Events



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- Paper Shredding & E-Waste Collection Day
- Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event
- Community Clean Up Day



City of Hawthorne Public Works & Community Services Presents



PAPER SHREDDING & E-WASTE COLLECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 15TH 9AM - 1PM

BETTY AINSWORTH SPORTS CENTER
3851 W. EL SEGUNDO BLVD
HAWTHORNE CA 9025

Proof of Hawthorne Residency Required

GATES WILL CLOSE PROMPTLY AT 12:45PM

Place boxes in the trunk of your vehicle and staff will carry them to disposal trucks



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS AT (310) 349 - 2980

Hazardous Waste Event - Statistics



- Collaborative event with LA County Public Works and South Bay cities
- Hosted by Clean Harbors
- 583 households served (494 vehicles)

ANTIFREEZE	48 GALLONS	
CAR BATTERIES	48 BATTERIES	
DRY CELL BATT.	1,030 POUNDS	
E-WASTE/DISPLAY	74 DISPLAY UNITS	3,330 POUNDS
MISC.	1,467 GALLONS	60 DRUMS
MISC. E-WASTE	7,500 POUNDS	
MOTOR OIL	150 GALLONS	
OIL FILTERS	100 POUNDS	
PAINT	1,977 GALLONS	
PHARMACEUTICALS	275 POUNDS	
SHARPS	800 POUNDS	

TOO TOXIC TO TRASH

FREE Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Drive-Thru Collection Event

Saturday, September 20 • 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
Betty Ainsworth Sports Center
3851 W. El Segundo Boulevard
Hawthorne, CA 90250

- CHEMICALS
 - Carefully secure items in your trunk/pick-up bed. Hazardous waste must be in your trunk/pick-up bed with no other items.
- PAINTS & SOLVENTS
 - Waste should be in a sturdy box, preferably in their original containers. Be prepared to leave containers.
- SHARPS
 - No explosives, ammunition, radioactive materials, controlled substances, trash, tires, or large appliances (like refrigerators, stoves and washing machines).
 - Sharps disposal will require exiting your vehicle in a designated location to deposit them in a bin.
- E-WASTE
 - Open to Los Angeles County residents. No business waste accepted.
 - Limit of 15 gallons or 125 pounds of hazardous waste per trip.

Brought to you by Los Angeles County and presented by Los Angeles County Public Works and Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, in cooperation with the cities of Carson, Compton, Culver City, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

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Future Services

- More service: Expanded collection frequency + added crews
- Stronger enforcement: Mobile camera trailers at hot spots
- **Enforcement & Funding**
 - Grant pursuits (for mobile camera trailers):
 - CalRecycle Solid Waste Cleanup Grant — \$500,000 application
 - OW14 Grant — 1 camera trailer (≈ \$100,000 value)
 - Goal: Monitor hot spots, strengthen enforcement, reduce illegal dumping



Community Initiative — *Clean Hawthorne*



- Comprehensive strategy to address illegal dumping and promote a cleaner, safer City
- **Goal: Engage residents to report illegal dumping and use proper disposal methods**
- **Education & Outreach**
 - Workshops, flyers, social media, newsletters
 - Partnerships with schools & neighborhoods
- **Impact & Accountability**
 - Active community engagement
 - Regular updates on results and grant funding progress



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REMINDER

YOUR TRASH SHOULD BE PUT OUT **THE EVENING BEFORE YOUR TRASH DAY, AND PUT AWAY WITHIN 12 HOURS OF TRASH PICKUP.** THIS WILL HELP AVOID POSSIBLE FINES.

MUNICIPAL CODE: 17.20.030.J
CITYOFHAWTHORNE.ORG 310-349-2980

What can you do to keep Hawthorne Clean?



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Properly Sort and Dispose Waste

- Black bin: Trash
- Blue bin: Recycling (plastic, glass, aluminum)
- Green Bin: Organic waste (food waste, leaves)

Contact Republic Services for Bulky Item Pickup

Report Illegal Dumping

- Use 311 app
- Staff tracks and responds to recurring hot spots

Come to Events

- Community Clean Up
- Paper Shredding and E-Waste
- Household Hazardous Waste

City information and services are just a few taps away!

Download the "My Civic 311" app!

request services such as:
graffiti removal, potholes,
illegal dumping, illegal
construction & much more!

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Donation and Recycling Locations



- **Habitat for Humanity Restore:** (310) 818-5222 - household and construction items that can be reused
- **SA Recyclers:** (310) 329-1034 - metal and appliance recycling
- **1736 Family Shelter:** (310) 543-9900 ext. 217 - gently used furniture only
- **Goodwill:** (562) 435-7741
- **Salvation Army:** (800) 958-7825
- **Sisters of Charity:** (310) 831-4104



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