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**Reward offered for illegal dumping in Pasco County**  
*~~ Searching for individuals caught on video illegally dumping~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- Pasco County Public Works has set up a tip line in an effort to find individuals caught on tape illegally dumping in the County. Citizens who can help identify individuals in the surveillance video (see below) can now call the Pasco County Illegal Dumping Tip Line at 727.247.0567.

Citizens who give tips in cases that result in a successful prosecution can be eligible to receive a \$50 reward.

The Board of County Commissioners approved the reward on Tuesday, July 12, 2016. The Reward will be paid from money collected from fines (illicit discharge littering).

Pasco County has an ordinance that outlines fines for individuals of \$500 per illegally discarded item. Anyone calling the tip line should also include the case number:

Case # 1330  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiO37eWc2CA>

Case #1331  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXh-8mvEwXw>

Case # 1334  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHkQ9LVGX4s>

Case #1340  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDTczNLqPD4>

## 2-2-2 ILLEGAL DUMPING TIPLINE

To comply with the County's National Pollution Discharge Eliminating System Permit, referred to as the NPDES Permit, Stormwater Management Enforcement was created in 2005. At that time the person(s) assigned to that group would investigate complaints for:

- Illicit Discharge
- Erosion and Sediment Control
- Illegal Fill

Due to the nature of the violations, Stormwater Management Enforcement's fines were the highest in the County Ordinances at that time with a maximum of \$ 500.00 per offense per day.

With the huge success of the program, it has grown to add the following violations to the list of duties over the past 5 years:

- Illegal Dumping/Littering (County ROW and/or MS4)
- Failure to Comply with a Permit
- Failure to Obtain a ROW Use Permit
- Wastewater Disposal

The majority of cases handled by this department are 'civil' in nature with fines ranging, on average, from \$ 500.00 up to – but not limited to – \$30,000.00.

This department works with other departments within the county, such as Code Compliance, Utilities, Hazardous Waste, Building Inspections, EOC and the Pasco Sheriff's Office. Many times other agencies are involved, too, such as the Environmental Protection Agency, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Florida Water Management District, Army Corps of Engineers and the Florida Fish and the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission.

For more information about Pasco County Stormwater Management click on the following link:  
<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=957>.

