

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRASH RESPONSIBILITY ORDINANCE TO
PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING AND PROTECT GROUNDWATER
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SHEET**

Which communities are affected?

All County unincorporated areas north of and including Acton.

How does the ordinance affect me?

Currently, property owners are required to dispose of their trash on a weekly basis. If you have trash collection services, the ordinance will not affect you. If you don't have trash collection services, then you are required to contract for trash collection services from a permitted waste hauler or apply for a self-haul permit.

**What is a self-haul permit? How and where would I apply for one?
How much would it cost? How often would the permit be renewed?**

The permit would be granted by the Department of Public Health at no charge, and would need to be renewed once a year. For more information, visit www.stopillegaldumping.com under Trash Responsibility Ordinance.

What if I share trash collection services with a neighbor(s)?

Sharing trash collection is ok provided proof can be shown upon request by the Department of Public Health. However, self-haul permits cannot be shared.

What if I am out of town for part of the year, do I have to pay for trash collection services?

No. You would make arrangements with your permitted waste hauler similar to what is done with suspension of home delivery of newspapers, etc.

What if I do not own property, but I am renting?

Many apartment owners provide trash collection services for renters and this monthly fee is included in the rent payment. However, some owners leave this responsibility to the renters. Whether you are an owner or renter, *you* are responsible for ensuring that trash is collected once a week.

How does the ordinance affect existing trash collection service in the Antelope Valley?

Trash collection services in the County unincorporated areas are conducted on a free-market basis. Thus, residents and businesses negotiate their waste collection services with permitted waste haulers. This ordinance does not modify this arrangement.

Will the County be creating a solid waste franchise area in the Antelope Valley?

Yes. The County is in the process of establishing franchise areas where only approved haulers would be allowed to provide services. Customer service would be improved and new types of programs/services will be implemented. The County will conduct community meetings to solicit feedback prior to implementation.

How was the Ordinance adopted?

Several community meetings were conducted in the AV (in coordination with town councils) to obtain community input. At these meetings, all issues and concerns were discussed. All oral and written comments were considered in preparing the final draft ordinance. The Board of Supervisors officially adopted the Ordinance on January 9, 2007.