

Keep Loudoun Beautiful Litter & Violation Reporting

If you see something, say something! Loudoun County has numerous ordinances to prevent litter and to deal with offenders, but there's no way county officials can see everything that's going on around the county every day. So the county is counting on citizens to be their eyes and ears.

If you observe a litter dump site or a violation to Loudoun County's solid waste containment, disposal, and recycling ordinances, here's a great, easy to use online tool for reporting it to county authorities so they can investigate in a timely manner, which is crucial for issues important to Keep Loudoun Beautiful (KLB).

The Loudoun Express Request (LEx) allows the public to report issues. There are multiple ways to report waste-related issues, but the "Environmental Health" category and "Trash – Health Concern" subcategory is probably the most appropriate for KLB-related issues. There's a Description section where you may add any comments, such as day of the week and suggestion for inspection on the same weekday. You can even add photos. The Website is <https://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?nid=3055> and there's even an app for iOS and Android mobile phones by searching for "Loudoun Express" from your device's app store.

Submitted reports can be private or public. For KLB-related issues, it is recommended to make the report public, so all viewers can see what's going on. You need a username, so to make KLB-related issues stand out, a username that starts with "KLB_" is suggested, like "KLB_MarkL".

While litter dump sites are pretty easy to spot, solid waste ordinance violations can be a bit more challenging, but are just as important to report as compliance is the easiest way to prevent litter in the first place. For example, according to section 1088.07 (b) of the Litter Prevention and Control ordinance (<https://www.loudoun.gov/documentcenter/view/77118>), all outdoor receptacles are required to be covered, even though the trash may still be contained. How many dumpsters do you pass as you traverse the county and see with the lid pushed back and perhaps trash (and usually stuff that should be recycled, like cardboard) pushing out the top or scattered around the base? Reporting these violations could rectify the situation and prevent additional litter.

In addition to businesses, residents are responsible for containing & controlling their trash and recycling. Overflowing and wind-blown open top recycling totes account for over half of the household litter we see and collect, so reporting recycling litter scattered around a neighbor's recycling tote can be an effective means of litter reduction in addition to covered recycling totes.

The Loudoun County Zoning Enforcement Department (703-777-0246 & <https://www.loudoun.gov/index.aspx?nid=2140>) is the best place to ask questions about something that you see that could be a violation. For any emails to Loudoun County, you are encouraged to cc: info@keeploudounbeautiful.org so the Board of Directors can be aware of issues and related activities. Of course, you are welcome to reach-out to the Board of Directors and your Area Leader colleagues for any advice and guidance.

Thank you for keeping Loudoun beautiful!