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ILLEGAL DUMPING SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS INSTALLED

The County of Santa Cruz has begun installing surveillance cameras at key locations in unincorporated areas of the County to help prevent illegal dumping, part of a broader strategy to protect the environment and make Santa Cruz County the cleanest in California.

Illegal dumping costs local taxpayers nearly half a million dollars annually in cleanup costs. Although signage and fines are in place, surveillance cameras have been installed at three locations to increase prevention efforts. Violators caught on camera face fines of up to \$500 along with restitution costs.

Cameras are now operational, and enforcement efforts are underway. Additional camera locations are under consideration as well.

Residents are encouraged to utilize the GreenWaste Bulky Item Collection Program, Overages Program, or recyclables collection program which offers three free pickups per year for GreenWaste customers living in unincorporated Santa Cruz County. The Bulky Item Collection Program allows for the proper disposal of large items such as furniture and appliances.

To schedule a pickup, residents can contact GreenWaste at: bit.ly/greenwaste-scc or by phone at (831) 426-2711.

Learn more about Illegal Dumping on our website: bit.ly/stop-illegal-dumping.