

Commonwealth's Littering & Dumping Laws

LAW SUMMARY	PENALTY	ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (Within Jurisdictions)
<p>PA Vehicle Code, Title 75, Chapter 37 Covers litter and waste dropped, thrown or deposited from a vehicle that lands upon any highway, or upon any other public or private property without the consent of the property owner, or into or on the waters of this Commonwealth. Vehicle owners are responsible for anything thrown from their vehicles, even if the owner wasn't driving, or wasn't in the vehicle.</p>	<p>A summary offense and, upon conviction, may be sentenced to either or both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To pay a fine of not more than: -\$900 for a violation which occurs in an easement. -\$600 for a violation which occurs in an agricultural security area. -\$300 for a violation which occurs elsewhere. 2. To pick up and remove litter from public or private property ...for not less than 8 hours nor more than 16 hours for the first conviction. 	<p>Local Police PA State Police PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of State Parks Bureau of Forestry (in state parks & forests only)</p>
<p>PA Crimes Code, Title 18, Chapter 65 Covers litter and waste that lands on public and private property or into the waters of the Commonwealth. This can include someone illegally depositing their own trash or someone who is paid to dispose of trash.</p>	<p>A summary offense for the first offense and upon conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$300 or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.</p>	<p>Local Police PA State Police PA Fish and Boat Commission PA Game Commission PA DCNR Bureau of State Parks and Bureau of Forestry (in state parks & forests only)</p>