

STATE PENALTIES FOR LITTERING AND ILLEGAL DUMPING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

TYPES OF LITTER

LITTERING <15 POUNDS

Misdemeanor 16-11-700 (C)

Up to a \$377.50 fine and 8 hours of litter-gathering labor or other form of community service.

ILLEGAL DUMPING <15 POUNDS

Misdemeanor 16-11-700 (D)

Up to a \$601.25 fine and 16 hours of litter-gathering labor or other form of community service.

ILLEGAL DUMPING 15-500 POUNDS

Misdemeanor 16-11-700 (E)

Up to a \$1327.50 fine and 16-32 hours of litter-gathering labor or other form of community service for a first time offense.

ILLEGAL DUMPING 500+ POUNDS

Misdemeanor 16-11-700 (F)

Up to a \$2605.00 fine and ordered to remove dumped litter; to repair or restore any damaged property; or to perform litter-gathering labor or other form of community service.

SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SECTION 16-11-700

In 2018, the South Carolina General Assembly established Act 214, which amended Section 16-11-700 of the state litter laws. This action by the Legislature effectively provided magistrates and municipal courts greater flexibility in the prosecution of litter cases.

The amendment made it easier to achieve court-ordered community service/litter pick-up by removing the requirement for supervision. Act 214 also “makes the penalties fit the crime” by classifying violations into distinct categories and providing for a definition of litter.

VEHICLE VIOLATIONS

Misdemeanor 56-5-4100 (D)

\$258.00 flat fine. Any person operating a vehicle from which any substance or cargo, excluding water, have fallen or escaped, which would constitute an obstruction, or otherwise endanger travel upon the public highway, shall make every reasonable effort to cause the public highway to be cleaned of all substances and shall pay for any costs of the cleaning.

Misdemeanor 56-6-4100

(A), (B); Exclusion - (F)

\$258.00 flat fine. No vehicle shall be driven or moved on any public highway unless such vehicle is constructed, loaded, or covered to prevent the load from dropping, escaping, or shifting in a manner that creates a safety hazard or deposits litter on public or private property.



**IF YOU SEE IT, REPORT IT.
CALL THE LITTER BUSTERS HOTLINE.**

PalmettoPride sponsors a statewide Litter Busters Hotline so you can report litterbugs. If you see someone littering or illegally dumping, call it in to **1-877-7-LITTER (754-8837)**.

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