# Illegal dumping of grass clippings

Any home or lot owner dumping grass on another's property including the wooded areas adjacent to the subdivision is strictly prohibited. The property and/or easement is owned by the Saginaw Basis Land Conservancy. Any person observed or recorded doing so will be reported to the local police, Huron County Sheriff and Michigan xxx. Furthermore, any grass clipping dumped will be cleaned at the owners expense.

### Information

- The definition of illegal dumping involves one of the following scenarios:
  - dumping waste on public or private property that is not licensed or permitted to receive waste dumping waste, without a license or permit, into sewers or waterways, or
  - allowing another to dump waste on one's land, without being licensed to receive such waste.

The federal government has also passed multiple laws designed to protect the environment. These federal laws, such as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, have complex permitting requirements and typically apply to large volumes of hazardous waste.

# THE MICHIGAN PENAL CODE (EXCERPT) Act 328 of 1931

750.552a Filth, garbage or refuse; unlawful to dump, deposit or place on property of another.

Sec. 552a.

Any person who shall dump, deposit or place any filth, garbage or refuse on the grounds or premises of another, without the specific permission of the owner thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Any and all junk, trash, litter, garbage, boxes, bottles, cans, leaves, brush, discarded lumber, salvaged materials, or other similar materials in any front yard, side yard, rear yard or vacant lot, except for such materials being used for an immediate construction project on said premises.

Dead, decayed, diseased or hazardous trees or vegetation/grass clippings (except that used as compost for fertilizer), including that which by casual contact with the skin is dangerous to public health, safety and welfare located in any front yard, side yard, rear yard or vacant lot.

**Beadle B ay III Covenants and Restriction (Proposed Language)** 

#### **ARTICLE IV Section I - USE RESTRICTIONS**

- 9. Any home or lot owner dumping grass on another's property or their property, including the wooded areas adjacent to the subdivision off Point Charities is strictly prohibited. The property is owned by the Saginaw Basis Land Conservancy.
  - Any person observed or recorded doing so will be reported to the Huron County Sheriff, Michigan DNR, and Caseville Ordinance Officer.
  - Any grass clipping dumped will be cleaned at the owners expense.

### Actions each home and property owner can take

## **Report Dumping in Progress:**

Your safety is very important to us! Do not approach people in the act of illegal dumping or attempt to take any enforcement action. If possible, get a description of the vehicle and occupants, time of day, location and what is being dumped. To report dumping in progress, contact the DNR Report All Poaching Hotline at 1-800-292-7800.

#### **How to Collect Evidence:**

If you are cleaning up a pile of trash on public land and find proof of dumping, please turn it in to the local DNR (state land) or USFS (federal land).

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Information such as date, location, evidence found and photos are very useful. If you know approximately when it was dumped, make note of that. Track the amount of time you spent cleaning up the area as well as any costs associated (such as gas to get there and/or disposal costs). This information is all very helpful when pressing charges against illegal dumpers