

NOTICE!

ALL CONTRACTORS, BUILDERS, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS.

You need to be aware of the illegal dumping and illegal burning laws being enforced by the State of Texas. The laws under which you can be prosecuted for dumping include **The Health & Safety Code Chapter 341, Minimum Standards of Health Protection Measures, Chapter 343, Abatement of Public Nuisances and Chapter 365, Texas Litter Abatement Act.** Fines for a first offense range from \$20.00 to \$200.00 up to \$200.00 to \$1,000.00 fine and up to 180 days in jail. The fines and jail time can be a per day offense. In other words if you are requested to abate illegal dumping and do not for 10 days you can be fined 10 times the original fine. You cannot dump on your own land or allow anyone else to dump on your land for commercial purposes unless you have a permitted municipal solid waste landfill. **You cannot dig a ditch and fill it with construction material!**

The illegal burning laws are contained within the **Texas Water Code § 7.177 and 30 Texas Administrative Code 111 (B) Outdoor Burning.** These fines can range from \$1,000.00 to \$50,000.00 and up to 6 months in jail for an individual. Contractors, Builders, Businesses, etc. can not burn construction waste/debris **period.** The material must be hauled to a licensed municipal solid waste landfill. As you can see the penalties can be very expensive and you could incur jail time. So you need to be aware of and follow these laws.

Medina County does and will continue to enforce these laws. If you have any questions please contact Medina County @ 830-741-6195.
Thank you for your cooperation.

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