



# Public Service Announcement regarding Environmental Hazards Associated with "Dirty Dirt"

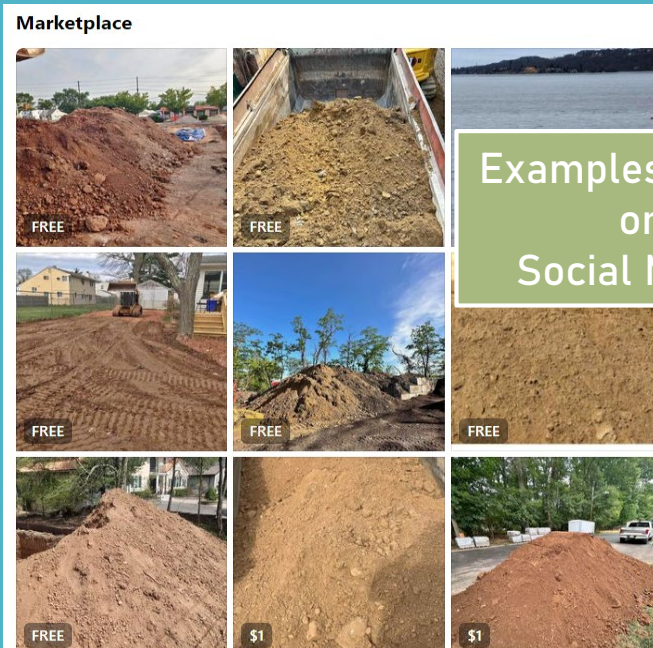
The Sussex County Prosecutor's Office is committed to investigating and prosecuting cases which bring harm to our environment and subsequently our community. Recently there has been an uptick in "free fill" advertisements on social media and online marketplaces. Individuals will target unsuspecting victims via these ads who go on to be recipients of the soil.

What these victims do not know is that the fill may contain contaminants or other solid waste which should be disposed of properly. Individuals posting these ads may be trying to avoid the fees associated with the proper disposal of potentially harmful soil. This soil may contain debris which is oftentimes left over from construction activities. Such debris may contain sharp pieces of metal, glass, ceramics or other construction/demolition materials that may also contain or be bound to residual contaminants that could be harmful to human health and our environment.

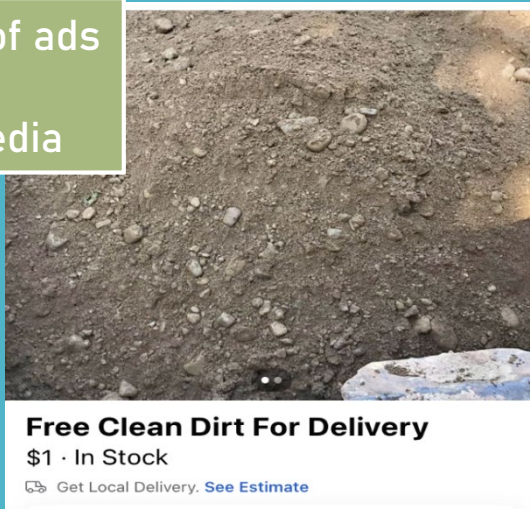
## DO YOUR PART

Be mindful and vigilant of dump trucks dumping in your area because as of July 14, 2022 New Jersey's Dirty Dirt Legislation requires individuals and businesses actively engaged in the brokering, transportation or deposition of soil and fill recyclable materials to either possess an A-901 license or be registered with the NJ DEP to obtain same.

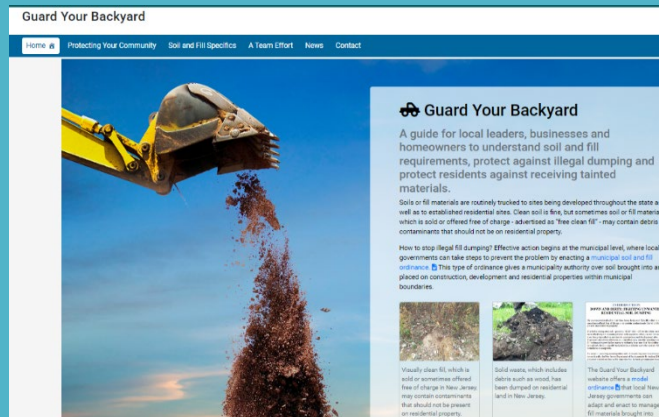
Residents who suspect illegal dumping should contact NJ DEP at 1-877-WARN-DEP or the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office and request the Environmental Crimes Detective at 973-383-1570.



Examples of ads on Social Media



For more information on types of fill, regulations, and steps to take if needed see:



<https://dep.nj.gov/guardyourbackyard/>