

COVER IT UP! KEEP THE COUNTY CLEAN.



By covering your load, you contribute to a safer, cleaner, and more responsible community.

- **Prevent Accidents and Injury:** Uncovered loads can result in debris falling onto the road, posing hazards to other drivers, vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists and potentially causing accidents.
- **Reduce Litter and Pollution:** Covering your load prevents trash and contaminants from being scattered along roadsides and into natural areas, protecting wildlife and keeping the county and waterways clean.
- **Cost Savings:** Covering your load gives you \$10 off the cost of your garbage disposal and saves the cost of municipal cleanup efforts.
- **Avoid Fines:** *County Ordinance 13.36.040* states that all transport to the landfill must be covered and secured. You could risk a \$720 fine imposed by law enforcement.
- **County Pride:** Keeping roads and public spaces clean enhances the county appearance.



WONDERING HOW TO KEEP YOUR WASTE SECURE DURING TRANSIT?

Load Containment Guidelines:

- Ensure your load is fully contained within your vehicle or container.
 - If using garbage cans, tied bags, or other containers, keep them within the vehicle's sidewalls. If they extend above the sidewalls, tarp them!
 - Use a large enough tarp, securely fastened, to prevent materials from escaping during transit.
 - Secure brush, building materials, and other bulky items with ropes, straps, or within the vehicle's walls.
 - For concrete, asphalt, stumps, etc., ensure they are completely contained within the vehicle's sidewalls.
 - Before leaving the drop-off area, check for and remove any debris that could fly out.
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Before You Hit the Road, Ask Yourself:

- **Can Debris Fly Out Onto the Road?** Keep our roads clean and safe for everyone.
- **Would I Feel Safe Following My Vehicle?** Secure your load to protect fellow drivers.
- **Would I Want My Vehicle Driving Through My Neighborhood?** Show pride in your community by preventing litter.



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