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## Media release

### Together we can stop illegal dumping!

The Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is increasing its continuous efforts in the fight against illegal dumping. Illegal dumping is a problem that many communities face. Illegal dumping can take many forms, such as household waste or bulky items, business or construction waste (building rubble), old tyre's and garden waste such as leaves and grass.

Most illegally dumped wastes are dumped by the owner to, avoid waste disposal fees; avoid time and effort required to dispose of waste properly. Unfortunately, some people think it is ok to throw their waste open spaces or along our roads.

The municipality is spending thousands of Rands on clearing of illegal dumping sites. The costs include clearing, removal and proper disposal of illegally dumped wastes. Illegal dumping impact negatively on our environment by, making our areas unsafe and dangerous especially to children, causing health problems and making our areas not attractive thus dropping property value.

Steve Tshwete Local Municipality wishes to encourage businesses and residents of the town to work with them to ensure that all our waste is disposed of in a proper manner. Residents can dispose of builder's rubble, garden waste and other forms of waste at Waste transfer stations situated in various locations:

- Somaphepha village,
- Doornkop, Dennesig,
- Extension 49,
- Rockdale,
- Komati and
- Hendrina

Businesses can dispose of waste at our licensed/ permitted landfill site. STLM calls on residents to stop illegal dumping!

Residents who witness incidents/activities of illegal dumping are urged to report the perpetrators. You will need to submit the following information: Date and time of the incident, the location, If possible, a photograph of the vehicle with the registration plates clearly indicated.

To report illegal dumping: call Environmental and Solid Waste Department on 013 249 7024.

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Yours sincerely

**ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**