Abandonment of Solid Waste

Home appliances, tires, construction debris, pallets, piping and miscellaneous refuse items have found their way into remote, wooded areas throughout GSFC. The practice of improperly abandoning solid waste not only creates hazards to people and the environment, but also degrades our reputation with the public.

Hazards

- Slip, trip and fall hazards to workers
- Provides ideal breeding area for rodents and/or mosquitoes
- Potential for a hazardous material release to water or soil

Environmental Program Impacts

- Negative impacts on GSFC’s natural and cultural resources
- Negative visual impact on our reputation with stakeholders and the public
- Abandonment of solid waste is in violation of the Code of Maryland Regulations

A refrigerator and dryer abandoned in the wooded area between Building 85 and Building 28

What should I do?

- Report any unauthorized dumping to the Security Operations Center at 911
- Please dispose of household appliances and other solid wastes through your local or county waste management agency

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