

Illegal Dumping

Among the various challenges facing civil society, illegal dumping has become a major concern in many areas. Some residents dump their refuse illegally in a public space causing pollution and inconvenience to fellow neighbours and residents.

Illegal dumping is a serious offence and if apprehended the perpetrator is responsible for the removal of the refuse and can face a fine.

Rasulullah ﷺ said, **“Verily Allah is pure and loves purity. He is clean and loves cleanliness. He is generous and loves generosity. He is hospitable and loves hospitality. So clean your courtyards ...”** (Tirmizi)

Islam teaches cleanliness. This is a fundamental lesson and trait of a Muslim. Dumping causes inconvenience to others. Rasulullah ﷺ said three times, **“By Allah, he does not have faith!”** It was said, **“Who is it, O Messenger of Allah?”** Nabi ﷺ said, **“He whose neighbour is not safe from his harm.”** (Sahih Bukhari)

A Muslim should be cognisant of the severe warnings have been sounded for those who cause inconvenience to others, especially neighbours. It is sad and regrettable that Muslim residents are guilty of dumping in their areas thereby causing inconvenience to others and creating a poor example of Muslims and Islam. Not following the proper procedure/days in removing the refuse also causes inconvenience to fellow neighbours and residents.

Muslims should be setting an example by helping to keep our streets clean.