

## Proper Disposal of Roofing Materials

Roofers have environmental and legal responsibilities to properly dispose of roofing materials. Hail and extreme weather often lead to an increased number of roof replacements. While this may be good for business, it may also be bad for the environment. When roofs are replaced in large numbers, illegal shingle dumps often appear in and around the affected area in a short amount of time.

### Why illegal shingle dumps are a concern

Shingle and roofing material dumps often occur along creek banks or in low lying areas, making the material susceptible to being washed downstream when the water level rises. The shingles may be subject to wildfires or illegal burning, releasing toxins to the air, land and water.

People who dump illegally will be fined and forced to clean up the dump.

### Responsible Roofers

Old shingles must be properly disposed of at a landfill or recycler permitted by the Department of Environmental Quality. Permitted facilities are listed at [https://www.deq.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/land-division/active\\_waste\\_facilities.pdf](https://www.deq.ok.gov/wp-content/uploads/land-division/active_waste_facilities.pdf).

1. Ensure employees and sub-contractors understand proper disposal. Maintain copies of receipts to verify.
2. Report illegal shingle dumping by calling DEQ's 24-hour hotline at 1-800-522-0206.

