

Six successful prosecutions by EPD against illegal dumping from vehicles in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung

Four members from the renovation and transportation sector who were involved in roadside dumping of domestic, commercial and industrial (C&I) and construction waste from vehicles in Tsuen Wan and Kwai Chung were fined a total of \$30,400 by Fanling Magistrates' Courts today (October 23) for contravening the Waste Disposal Ordinance (WDO).

During April and May this year, the EPD successfully traced five illegal dumping cases at Lam Tin Street and Kwai Tai Road in Kwai Chung by using evidence captured by the surveillance camera systems installed at fly-tipping black spots. The three cases in Lam Tin Street involved the same person and he was found dumping domestic waste three times in three consecutive weeks. Separately, EPD officers successfully intercepted an illegal dumping case at Ting Kau carpark in Tsuen Wan in May during a blitz inspection. After evidence gathering, the EPD prosecuted the four persons concerned in accordance with the WDO.

The EPD spokesperson reminded members of the renovation, construction and transportation sectors that they should dispose of waste properly in accordance with the law. It is unethical and unlawful to dispose of waste in public places and on the roadside. First-time offenders under the WDO are liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and six months' imprisonment. The spokesman also encouraged members of the public to make a report to the department if they witness any illegal disposal of waste from vehicles. They can record videos and call the EPD hotline at 2838 3111 to help combat illegal dumping.