



Tarp Your Load

Be Safe, Legal and Save Money

It's the law. California State Vehicle Code Sections 23114.(a) and 23115.(a) require that loads be properly covered or secure.

It saves lives. In 2010, about 51,000 accidents were caused by items that fall out of vehicles, injuring 10,000 people and resulting in 440 fatalities. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: GAO-13-24 Unsecured Loads).

It's litter. Litter and debris that falls out of truck beds is unsightly, and can end up in local waterways and harm wildlife.

It costs you money. Fines for littering on roads can be as high as \$1000. A fee may be charged on uncovered loads at disposal sites.

Tips for Securing Your Load

- Put lighter weight items at the bottom.
- Use tarps, bungee cords, netting, straps or rope.
- Tie larger items directly to your vehicle.
- Don't overload your vehicle.

Ask yourself:

- Is there any chance of debris falling (or blowing) out of my vehicle?
- Is my load secure on top, on the sides, and in the back?
- What would happen to my load if I had to brake suddenly or if I hit a bump?
- Do I need to drive slower?

Clean Water Starts With Clean Streets.

