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Officials at Whitney Lake encourage proper disposal of trash

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District at Whitney Lake is encouraging citizens to dispose of garbage at landfill facilities rather than on federal property. Illegal dumping has reached an all-time high at various areas around Whitney Lake culminating in recent events resulting in a citizen arrest and charges of felony dumping on government land.

The Corps would like to remind citizens that it is illegal to dump garbage on land around Whitney Lake. Garbage and debris will have a negative impact to flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, water supply, recreation, fish and wildlife mitigation and environmental stewardship. The Corps staff works in partnership with local law enforcement to prevent illegal dumping and to prosecute violators.

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About the Fort Worth District : The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil . Photograph of George Williams is available upon request.