

Did you know that [Texas law](#) requires loads to be secured to prevent them from falling or blowing onto the road, and to keep the road safe for other drivers?

In fact, failure to secure a load is a misdemeanor offense in Texas, with a maximum fine of \$500.

The Twin Oaks Landfill also implements a fine of \$30 for unsecured or improperly secured loads.

Texas Department of Public Safety Sgt. Justin Ruiz says it is important to call your local non-emergency number if you see an unsecured load on the road.

“Not only can something fly out and hit another vehicle. Even if it doesn’t directly hit a vehicle, if something lands in the road, it can cause a traffic backup or a car or truck can hit it and cause a crash,” he said.

You can properly secure your load by removing any loose material that spilled onto your truck bed, using an enclosed truck bed for transport, or fully covering your load with a tarp or net.

Sgt. Ruiz says if you are responsible for loose materials on the roadways, you will be cited for it.

“There will be no warning for it. The law states that ‘you shall’ cover your load in a particular way when you haul debris from one location to another. If we see it, we will issue a citation for it. ‘Shall’ is the end-all-be-all. ‘You shall’ do it, and if you don’t, you will get a citation,” he said.

You can read the Texas Transportation Code, Chapter 725: Transportation of Loose Materials, [here](#).

