

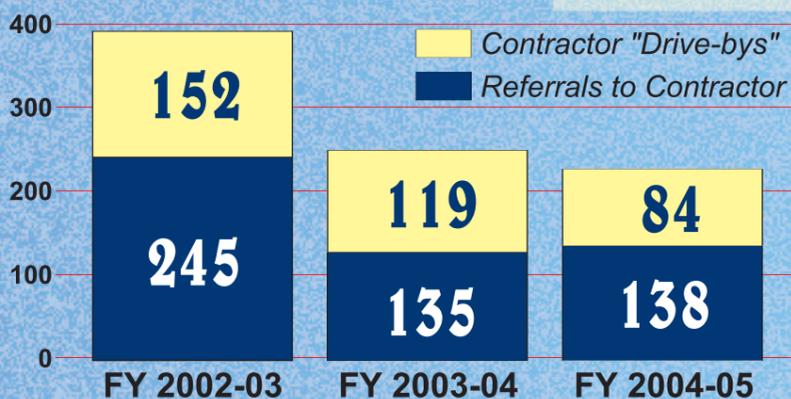


Protecting our Air, Land & Water

Meth Clean Up Costly & Dangerous

The LLCHD Emergency Response Team provides technical assistance to local law enforcement on methamphetamine laboratories located in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Our technical assistance role involves hazardous waste and materials management, environmental clean-up, consultations on chemical exposure concerns as well as children's environmental health issues. While the overall number of clandestine laboratories has dropped in our response area, some of the laboratories found have been much larger and have more advanced equipment with a corresponding increase in levels of production.

Illegal Dumping/Clean-up Referrals



By locating illegal dumps early and working quickly to clean them up, the result has been decreased repeat dumping in the same location. To report illegal dumping, call 441-6500.

Program Description Service Statistics

	FY 2002-03	FY 2003-04	FY 2004-05
Individuals trained through foodhandler classes	11,193	11,441	11,302
Food sanitation inspections performed	2,220	2,050	2,024
On-site consultation at food establishments	281	336	224
Food managers trained at food manager seminars	280	266	292
Food Enforcement Notices issued	59	55	43
Potential foodborne illness outbreaks	84	59	81
Child care facility inspections	645	639	343
Onsite consultations at child care centers	136	133	61
Web site visits for Child Care Assistance	8,500	11,000	16,500
Water well and sewage system inspections performed	1,039	1,085	888
Land use proposals reviewed	185	249	256
Water well and septic system permits issued	455	290	542
Drinking water samples collected from private wells	179	434	229
Swimming pool and spa inspections	530	456	443
Illegal dumping report on county roads	397	254	222
Public health nuisance complaints investigated	840	1,025	1,315
Participants attending the earth wellness festival	3,000	3,000	3,000
Air pollution compliance inspections	145	138	158
Asbestos removal inspections	169	144	158
Poor indoor air quality investigations	81	76	61
Telephone consultations related to indoor air quality	3,043	3,418	3,124
Special waste inventories	355	467	2,173
Pounds of hazardous waste collected from households	78,277	91,917	61,521
Emergency response for hazardous materials	219	161	137

2005 Star City Holiday Parade



The Keep Lincoln and Lancaster County Beautiful Program has been effective at reducing litter and illegal dumping. Each year education programs reach thousands of people and for the past 12 years the program has been a winner in the Star City Holiday Parade while promoting the parade as a litter-free event.

Air Quality



Pollution reduction devices were installed on Lincoln Public Schools' buses. After repeated testing by air pollution control staff, almost every test revealed reductions in carbon monoxide, hydrocarbons and particulate matter.

Sustaining and improving our air quality remains a high priority within the environmental health program. Indoor and outdoor testing and inspections are conducted daily. Last year 158 air compliance inspections were made and over 3,000 telephone consultations were handled.