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DISH Network California Service Corporation will **pay** \$5.5 million after settling allegations the company illegally disposed of hazardous waste since 2005, the California Attorney General's office announced Wednesday.

The satellite television company is **paying** for penalties, costs, and community projects for its mishandling of electronic equipment that includes hazardous waste in devices, batteries, and aerosols, the AG's office said.

Audits reported that **DISH** has sent hazardous waste to unequipped and unauthorized local landfills multiple times, which violated California's Hazardous Waste Control and Unfair Competition laws.

- **DISH** will **pay** \$3.3 million in civil penalties, \$835,500 in litigation costs, and \$845,000 in supplemental environmental projects in the community.
- The settlement says **DISH** also must spend \$500,000 to comply with environmental laws and regulations, hire an independent third-party auditor, regularly inspect **DISH** dumpsters for hazardous waste, and train employees on waste laws.
- The settlement follows a December 2021 lawsuit that California Attorney General Rob Bonta, a dozen district attorneys, and the state toxics department filed against Walmart Inc. for illegally disposing hazardous waste.

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