How YOU can prevent fly tipping

We ALL have a legal obligation, or DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of correctly. The best way to stop organised fly tipping is to make sure that only authorised waste carriers take your waste away.

YOU could face prosecution and an UNLIMITED FINE if your waste ends up fly tipped by someone else.

Remember, if it’s YOUR waste, IT’S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!

Avoid a fine. Put items in a bin, not by the side; don’t leave items out for the ‘scrap-man’; and always follow the S.C.R.A.P. code if you are having household waste removed.

Let’s S.C.R.A.P. Fly Tipping

**SUSPECT**
all waste carriers; do not let them take your waste until they have proven themselves to be legitimate. A professional waste carrier should happily answer reasonable questions.

**CHECK**
their waste carrier’s registration details, then verify them by searching the Environment Agency website (link below) or by calling 03708 506 506. Note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.

**REFUSE**
unexpected offers to have any rubbish taken away. If you do not trust that someone who you have spoken to will be disposing of waste legally, report their vehicle registration and name to the Environment Agency.

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what will happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately.

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should be obtained. Make sure you get a proper invoice, waste transfer note or a receipt for your waste removal. This should give a description of the waste and provide the waste carrier’s contact details.

How YOU can find LEGAL waste carriers:
Always carry out your own research and choose whose services you wish to use. You can find licensed waste carriers in your neighbourhood by calling the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 or visiting environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

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What else can YOU do with YOUR waste?

Use your kerbside waste and recycling collection
Visit your council’s website to confirm which items can be collected along with other service information.

Use your Neighbourhood Recycling Bank or Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)
Find out more information about where you can recycle certain items, the location and opening hours of your nearest HWRC, van permit applications and check in advance for queues using a live web-cam feed.

Use your council’s bulky waste collection service
All councils in Hertfordshire offer a service to collect bulky items directly from your house – refer to your council’s website or contact them for more details.

Sell or donate your unwanted items
You can sell or give away items online using websites such as eBay, Gumtree, Freecycle or social media community groups. Only donate items to charity shops during their opening hours.

What are WE doing?

This information is brought to you by the Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group – a multi-agency task force working together to combat fly tipping. The group is made up of: Hertfordshire’s local authorities, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue, the Environment Agency, the National Farmers’ Union, Hertfordshire’s Community Safety Partnerships and Keep Britain Tidy.

Visit: hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping

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If it’s YOUR waste, it’s YOUR responsibility. Dispose of YOUR items properly to avoid an UNLIMITED FINE.
FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS

It CAN BE AS SMALL AS A SINGLE BAG, TO...

AN ENTIRE TRUCK LOAD OF RUBBISH

AROUND TWO-THIRDS of fly tips are household waste

Items and bags left... beside street bins and recycling banks, on the floor of communal bin areas, outside closed Household Waste Recycling Centres and charity shops ...are all FLY TIPPING!

If bins or banks are full, or the shop or centre is closed, take YOUR items away with you — DO NOT leave them behind, or YOU could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice up to £400 or face an UNLIMITED FINE.

Why fly tipping is rubbish

- It is dangerous to people, animals and the environment.
- It is especially dangerous to children, also puts the environment at risk.
- It harms the countryside and costs landowners thousands to clear.
- It is expensive for council tax payers, local councils and landowners.
- It encourages others to dump more.
- It attracts antisocial behaviour such as graffiti and vandalism.
- It is a single action that can harm the whole community.

A single fly tip can cost the council £90. Around £820,000 of council tax payers’ money is spent clearing fly tips on public land in Hertfordshire each year - nearly £50 million in England as a whole. The enforcement costs are an additional £315,000 each year too.

Fly tipping is punishable by an UNLIMITED FINE or IMPRISONMENT.

How YOU can report fly tipping

Fly tipping is an illegal activity. If you see it in action, call the Police on 999 and report it as a crime in progress.

REPORT HERE: hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping

Never put yourself at risk when reporting a fly tip!

Is YOUR business disposing of its waste correctly?

EVERY business that produces waste in the UK has a legal ‘DUTY OF CARE’ to manage it properly from the moment it is produced until it is either recycled or disposed of.

OVER 50% of UK businesses are not complying with the law and 90% of these are small companies with fewer than 50 employees.

It is YOUR legal responsibility to always use a registered waste carrier, and/or register to transport YOUR own waste. The correct paperwork must be kept for at least two years.

A lack of understanding will not stop YOU receiving an UNLIMITED FINE in court.

These websites will help your business comply with the law and YOUR Duty of Care:

- gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview
- righthereghtplace.com
- tacklingflytipping.com


- data from Right Waste, Right Place.

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Record as many details as possible:

- the date and time that you discovered the rubbish
- the direction they were travelling
- the exact location
- the vehicle’s registration number and details
- the description of the people involved
- the waste and of the people involved
- photos of the waste and of the fly tippers if possible

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