

## 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

### **S**USPECT

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.

### **C**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.

### **R**EFUSE

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.

### **A**SK

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

### **P**APERWORK

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](https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers)

## 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.

[wasteaware.org.uk](https://wasteaware.org.uk)



### 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](https://hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping)

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# LET'S **S.C.R.A.P.** FLY TIPPING!



If it's YOUR waste, it's YOUR responsibility.  
Dispose of YOUR items properly to avoid an UNLIMITED FINE.



Could YOU be fly tipping?

# FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS

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

**AN ENTIRE TRUCK LOAD OF RUBBISH**

bags  
furniture  
garden waste  
white goods  
building waste

**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 ugly; it spoils our towns and devalues the local area.

It harms the countryside and costs landowners thousands to clear.

It encourages others to dump more.

It attracts other antisocial behaviour such as graffiti and vandalism.

It is expensive for council tax payers, local councils and landowners.

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.**

\*source - Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group 2016-2017.

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](http://gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview)
- [rightwasterightplace.com](http://rightwasterightplace.com)
- [tacklingflytipping.com](http://tacklingflytipping.com)

\*data from Right Waste, Right Place.

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.

ALL fly tipping should be reported online to your local council, regardless of whether you saw it in progress or have just discovered it.

REPORT HERE:

[hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping)

Record as many details as possible:

vehicle's registration number and details

description of the people involved

the direction they were travelling

the exact location

the date and time that you discovered the rubbish

details of the items dumped

photos of the waste and of the fly tippers if possible

**Never put yourself at risk when reporting a fly tip!**

