

FLY TIPPING – Reporting & Advice

The link below takes you directly to the reporting page on our Website:

[Report fly-tipping - Dorset Council self-Introduction of service portal](#)

If the Fly-Tipping is on either public or private land, the site will be investigated for evidence, and appropriate legal action taken. **However, we will only clear waste from the public highway or public land. Waste deposited on private land is the landowner's responsibility to clear and we cannot remove this waste.**

Those caught fly-tipping can be prosecuted under the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Every year councils spend a considerable amount of time and money removing this waste from the landscape. We will always try to remove fly-tipping as soon as possible. The site will be investigated for evidence and the appropriate legal action taken. If we can trace the persons responsible for fly-tipping, we can recover our costs & potentially the landowners costs in some instances.

Simple rules for reporting fly-tipping

- do not remove any evidence found from the fly-tipping location, for example, addressed letters – instead, please take photographs.
- be as specific as possible when describing where the incident has occurred – what 3 words is particularly good.
- if you see the incident occurring do not approach the persons involved
- if you see a person/vehicle involved in an environmental crime, take as many details as you can, for example, correct date and time it occurred, description of the person(s) or vehicle(s) registration, type of waste(s) and photos if safe to do so, Dash Cam footage is particularly good.
- you may be asked to provide a witness statement and/or attend court in subsequent legal action.

Any fly tips reported that do not include evidence will go directly to our depot not to enforcement. Whilst we don't recommend you searching the waste, cardboard boxes often have address labels and black bin bags normally have paperwork/envelopes etc. If in doubt state evidence present & we can then investigate swiftly.

Littering Report Link

[Report litter on the pavement, highway or thrown from a vehicle - Dorset Council sel - Introductionf-service portal](#)

- be as specific as possible when describing where the incident has occurred – what 3 words is particularly good.
- if you see a person(s)/vehicle involved in littering please take as many details as you can, for example, correct date and time it occurred, description of the person(s) or vehicle registration number, type of waste(s) thrown out of which window or windows (front near or off- side) and photos if safe to do so. Dash Cam footage is particularly good. Include number/sex/age of occupants if visible, whether parked, driving, road or private/council car park, etc.
- you may be asked to provide a witness statement and/or attend court in subsequent legal action.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/w/scrap-flytipping>

[New multi-agency campaign aims to SCRAP fly-tipping - Dorset Council news](#)

[Organise a community litter pick - Dorset Council sel - Introductionf-service portal](#)

HOUSEHOLDER DUTY of CARE

Under the domestic waste 'Duty of Care', householders are now responsible for ensuring that their rubbish is only passed on to authorised waste carriers.

Some people pose as legitimate waste carriers and then fly-tip rubbish that they have been paid to dispose of properly.

If any fly tipped waste is traced back to the household it came from, the householder could be fined. Therefore, if you use a waste carrier to remove household, garden or construction waste you must carry out the following checks:

- Ask the contractor if they are a registered waste carrier and ask for their waste carrier number, name, operating address and contact number.
- Contact the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 and ask for an instant Waste Carrier Validation Check
- [Waste Carriers, Brokers and Dealers \(data.gov.uk\)](#)
- Pay by Credit Card or BACS transfer **not** cash.

- Get a receipt or ask for a Waste Transfer Notice (WTN) to describe the waste, and where it is to be disposed of. You are entitled to ask for a WTN and refusal to do so should be of concern.
- Take photos of your waste so if it is later Fly Tipped it can be traced back to the carrier that dumped it.
- Make a note or take a photo of the vehicle, its registration number & any sign writing or distinctive markings.
- Remember your Household Waste that you pay to be removed is then classed as Commercial Waste, it cannot be disposed of at a Household Recycling Centre (HRC – Council Tip). It must be taken to a correctly licence Commercial Waste Facility for Disposal.

Householders are encouraged to think carefully about whom they give their waste to, and not simply choose the cheapest option. We will take action against any householder, who has not taken reasonable measures to ensure their waste is passed on to an authorised person.

The duty of care requires householders to take all reasonable measures available to them in the circumstances to ensure that they only transfer household waste produced on their property to an authorised person. This reduces the chance of waste ending up in the hands of those who would fly-tip it.

TRADING STANDARDS - Buy with Confidence Scheme

Trading Standards is the local government service that works to:

1. **Protect consumers** from illegal trading practices and
2. **Support the business community** to comply with consumer protection legislation.

What Can Trading Standards Do?

While trading standards perform a number, of functions, local authorities have a statutory obligation to:

- enforce fair trading.
- combat illegal trading.
- monitor product safety.
- address under-age sales.
- verify weights and measures.

Trading Standards Officers (TSOs) respond to and investigate consumer complaints and conduct routine inspection of businesses to ensure that they are complying with legislation. Where it is believed that a criminal offence has been committed, a report will be prepared for submission to the Procurator Fiscal Service. In serious cases, where the collective interests of consumers are being harmed, Trading Standards can apply to the Courts for enforcement orders to stop the infringing activities.

TSOs have various powers granted to them under the legislation that they enforce. These include the ability to enter and inspect premises, examine goods and conduct test purchases. In some circumstances they may also enter a premises under warrant and seize goods and documents as evidence.

Most local authorities also deliver business advice, operate trusted trader schemes and actively work to stop consumers suffering detriment through education, advice and debt counselling.

<https://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk/>



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Confidence - bookle

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/business-consumers-licences/licences-and-permits/scrap-metal-and-motor-salvage-licences/scrap-metal-and-motor-salvage-licence>