

A shared vision to stop fly-tipping in County Durham

Durham County Council, in partnership with the Environment Agency and Durham Police, is working hard to reduce and prevent waste from being dumped illegally; with the ultimate goal to stop fly-tipping in County Durham.

With your help we can make your area a safer, cleaner and greener place for all.

Fly-tipping facts:

- 1 Fly-tipping is illegal and offenders can be fined up to £50,000. However, we all pay for fly-tipping as it costs County Durham council tax payers to clear waste dumped on council owned land.
- 2 Dumped waste not only looks unpleasant, it also can seriously damage land and pollute water.
- 3 It can affect the reputation of our villages, towns and city.
- 4 It can endanger animal and wildlife and also human health.
- 5 Waste dumped illegally undermines legitimate waste carriers who are undercut by illegal operators.

Know what happens to your waste.

Be aware of your Duty of Care.

If you witness or find fly-tipping

- ✓ **Do not confront the fly-tippers.** If it is safe to do so, take a note of the vehicle make and model, colour, registration number, items of waste and a description of the fly-tippers.
- ✓ Do not look for clues in the waste yourself, as there may be harmful items hidden in it.

Report fly-tipping

Web: www.durham.gov.uk/flytipping

Call: 03000 261 000

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The Environment Agency's
24 hour hotline on 0800 807 060.

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Help us to stop fly-tipping.

Everyone is responsible for their rubbish and to make sure it is disposed of properly. This is known as a 'Duty of Care'. Fly-tipping incidents occur when people dump waste, often household items, rather than pay to dispose of waste correctly. If waste is fly-tipped and traced back to the owner, you could face prosecution and a fine of up to £50,000.

How can householders help?

Before you pay for your waste to be taken away, check how your waste can be disposed of the right way:

- ✓ Recycle your waste using household waste recycling centres (HWRCs) or reuse charities instead.
- ✓ Arrange a council bulky waste collection. This service could be cheaper than a waste company.
- ✓ Use a waste company registered with the Environment Agency.
- ✓ Ask to see their waste carrier certificate.
- ✓ Keep all paperwork issued by the waste company.

How can landowners help?

Deter fly-tippers from dumping waste on your land:

- ✓ Make sure access is secure when land is not in use. Lock gates where applicable.
- ✓ Improve visibility so that fly-tippers are not hidden from view.
- ✓ Consider installing CCTV cameras where practical.
- ✓ Clear dumped waste quickly to discourage other fly-tippers from dumping further items on your land.



How can businesses help?

Business/commercial/trade waste must be disposed of correctly:

- ✓ Sign up to a council commercial waste contract. This could be competitively priced compared to a private waste contract.
- ✓ If you use a private waste company, you must check they are a registered waste carrier.
- ✓ If you dispose of waste yourself, your business must be registered with the Environment Agency.
- ✓ You must complete Waste Transfer Notes for waste produced by your business. You must keep these for two years.
- ✓ Failure to produce Waste Transfer Notes when asked by the council or the Environment Agency is an offence, for which a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued or it can lead to prosecution.

Find or check a registered waste carrier: **Web:** www.gov.uk/find-registered-waste-carrier **Call:** 03708 506 506

HWRCs: www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc
Reuse: www.durham.gov.uk/reuse
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