

Important information
Do not ignore!



Your waste, your responsibility

ARE YOU FLY-TIPPING WITHOUT KNOWING IT?

It costs over £50 million to clear fly-tipping in England each year. A staggering two thirds of this fly-tipping is household waste.

Every year thousands of people are fly-tipping indirectly, unaware that they are doing anything wrong.

The reality is that if your waste is found dumped (fly-tipped), even if someone else has done it, you could be held responsible for the crime.

We all have a legal duty of care for the waste we produce, even after it has left our homes or premises. This duty of care, under section 34 of The Environmental Protection Act 1990, includes ensuring that it is disposed of properly, even if it has been given to someone else.



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So how can I stop my waste from being fly-tipped?

Whenever you are arranging for anyone other than your local Council to collect waste from your household, always remember to:

Beware of rogue traders

Whether you find someone through social media, an advert or leaflet, or you use a trades-person who is carrying out work at your home – ask for their waste carrier's licence. It is illegal for them to take your waste if they don't have one. You can check if they are a registered waste carrier online at environment.data.gov.uk/public-register and selecting "Search waste carriers, brokers and dealers". Alternatively you can call **03708 506 506**.

If they don't have a licence, don't use them.

Make your waste your business

Being a registered waste carrier means the person can legally remove your waste. Don't be afraid to ask for their registration number and paperwork that shows they are registered and where your waste is going. Remember to request a 'waste transfer note' before your waste is taken away. This contains a description of the waste, the transferor's (your) details, the transferee (carrier's) details (including vehicle registration) and where it will be taken to.

If they aren't registered, don't use them.

When you are using the household kerbside recycling and waste collection service provided by Veolia, always remember to:

Correctly present your recycling and waste on your collection day

Please make sure you place your waste and recycling at the boundary of your property from 7.00am on your collection day. Waste presented on the public highway, even if it is just one sack, may be classed as fly-tipping. Remember, if it is your waste it is your responsibility.

Prepare in advance

If you have bulky or scrap metal items requiring collection, please contact Veolia on **01702 215006** and select **option 1** to book it in BEFORE you place it at the edge of your property. Spending some time planning this upfront will minimise the amount of time it is awaiting collection.

Donate good quality items

Don't leave unwanted items on the public highway. Instead, donate good quality items to your local charity shop, to the re-use shop at either of the Household Waste Recycling Centres or give them to someone who could make use of them. Remember, items presented on the public highway may be classed as fly-tipping.

Useful contacts

Environment Agency :
Right Waste Right Place:
Southend-on-Sea Borough Council:
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www.environment-agency.gov.uk
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