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.

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

PAPERWORK 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

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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Could YOU be fly tipping?

FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS

If bins or banks are full, or the shop or centre is closed, take YOUR recycling banks, on the floor beside street bins and around two-thirds of fly tips are household waste

Are you disposing of your waste correctly?

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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.


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

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!