

What is fly-tipping?

Fly-tipping is the illegal dumping of rubbish.

Fly-tipping:

- Can seriously pollute watercourses and contaminate land.
- Can endanger human health, wildlife and livestock.
- Is unsightly, spoiling our communities and the quality of life for local residents.
- Is seen as a major problem by over three quarters of landowners and affects 67% of farmers.
- Undermines legitimate businesses who are undercut by illegal operators.
- Encourages others to dump more waste.

Who pays for fly-tipping?

We all do. Every year, it costs Council Tax Payers around £250,000 to clear waste dumped illegally on public land in Suffolk. If waste is dumped on private land, landowners have to clear it at their own expense.

How to report it:

- Safety first – do not confront fly-tippers.
- Do not look for clues in the waste yourself, as there may be harmful items hidden in it.
- Keep any notes you make at the time, even scribbled ones, which can be very valuable as evidence.
- Take photos if safe to do so.

Please report it as soon as possible to your local Council's **"Tip-Off"** line or via their website:

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Babergh District Council **01473 826622**
Forest Heath District Council **01638 719284**
Ipswich Borough Council **01473 433115**
Mid Suffolk District Council **08456 066067**
or **01449 724500**
St Edmundsbury Borough Council **01284 757320**
Suffolk Coastal District Council **01394 444000**
Waveney District Council **01502 562111**

Alternatively you can report it via the Environment Agency's 24 hour Hot Line: **0800 807060**

Any information supplied will be treated in strictest confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

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A guide to preventing and reporting illegal dumping of waste in Suffolk:

- **For Householders**
- **For Businesses**
- **For Landowners**



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Help prevent fly-tipping – remember your Waste Duty of Care

Fly-tipping often occurs when rogue waste carriers illegally dump the waste that they collect to avoid proper disposal fees and maximise their profits, unfairly undercutting legitimate businesses.

You have a legal responsibility, or Duty of Care, to make sure that all waste from your household or business is disposed of correctly. It is you that could face prosecution and a fine of up to £5,000 if your waste ends up fly-tipped.

Advice for Householders

Whenever you arrange for anyone else to dispose of your waste, remember the “SCRAP” code:

Suspect. Beware of rogue waste carriers who dump waste illegally. If in doubt do not let them take your waste.

Check. Ask for their waste carrier’s registration details. You can check on the Environment Agency web site or by calling **08708 506 506**. Note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.

Refuse unsolicited offers. Always carry out your own research and choose who you want to take your waste away.

Ask questions. Ask what is going to happen to your waste. Seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier should not object to being asked reasonable questions.

Paperwork. Make sure you get a proper invoice and receipt for your waste.

Advice for Businesses

1 If you give your business waste to anyone other than your local Council trade waste collection service or one of the HWRCs, you must check that they are a registered waste carrier. Check the public register of waste carriers on **08708 506 506** or online at **www.environment-agency.gov.uk/**

2 You must ensure that you complete Waste Transfer Notes relating to all waste that comes from your business. You must keep these for a period of **two years**.

3 Failure to produce Waste Transfer Notes when asked by the Council or the Environment Agency is an offence, for which Fixed Penalty Fines of £300 can be issued.

4 If your local Council collects your business waste, or you dispose of it through the trade waste scheme at the HWRCs, they will ensure that the necessary Waste Transfer Notes are completed.

For information and advice, visit the Environment Agency website **www.environment-agency.gov.uk/**

Advice for Landowners

You can protect your land from fly-tipping by:

- Installing gates or barriers, ideally in keeping with the natural environment.
- Making sure that gates are closed when not in use.
- Improving visibility so that fly-tippers are not hidden from view.
- Installing or improving lighting.
- Placing appropriate deterrent signage or dummy cameras.
- Swiftly clearing any waste that is dumped to discourage others adding to it.
- Report the incident to your local Council. Whilst they will not remove the waste free of charge, they may be able to investigate the incident.

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