

Advice for businesses

Under the Environmental Protection Act, every business has a duty of care when it comes to disposing of its waste. Not meeting your legal responsibilities could result in a fine or imprisonment.

Here's our simple guide to disposing of your business waste responsibly:

1. It is a legal requirement for businesses to use a licensed waste carrier to remove their waste. You can check the public register of waste carriers online at www.gov.uk/environment-agency
2. Provide a written description of your waste to the company collecting it.
3. Fill in a waste transfer note which can be found at www.gov.uk. This must be signed by both parties involved in the disposal of the waste.
4. Keep a signed copy of your waste transfer note - you must keep these for a period of two years.
5. Inform your waste removal company if you have any unexpected or unusual additions to your waste so that it can be disposed of appropriately. Find out more at www.gov.uk
6. Take action if you think your waste is being mishandled by the person/people who remove it – you could be fined if they are illegally fly-tipping this waste.

Business waste service

We can provide your business with a waste and recycling service tailored to your needs, and at a competitive price. Join over 800 businesses in the Harborough district and surrounding areas who already trust us to manage the collection and disposal of their business waste.

We can provide regular or one-off collections, and support for events such as carnivals, charity days and open air music events.

Find out more and contact us for a quote at:
www.harborough.gov.uk/tradewaste or call 0800 06 88 225.



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Fly-tipping is a crime

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Fly-tipping is illegal

Whether it is just one bin bag, an old item of furniture or a truck load of rubbish, dumping waste on land that is not meant to be used for waste disposal is illegal.

Even if you pay someone else to dispose of your rubbish it is your legal responsibility to make sure they will dispose of it correctly. You could face prosecution and a fine of up to £50,000 if your waste ends up being fly-tipped.

Fly-tipping causes lots of problems including:

- A high cost to taxpayers and private landowners to clear it up
- Threats to humans and wildlife, and damage to our environment
- Spoiling our enjoyment of our towns and countryside
- Illegal waste disposal companies undercutting those operating within the law

If you are concerned about a company you have used to dispose of your waste; or if you have witnessed fly-tipping being carried out; or you want to report fly-tipping please contact us at www.harborough.gov.uk/tipoff or call 01858 82 82 82.

For a charge, Harborough District Council can dispose of your large waste items as part of our bulky waste collection service.

Find out more online at
www.harborough.gov.uk/bulky-waste



S Suspect If in doubt do not let anyone take your waste, you could be fined if it is fly-tipped

C Check for their waste carrier registration details and note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away

R Refuse offers from companies that you haven't contacted first - always carry out your own research and choose who you want to take your waste away

A Ask questions about what is going to happen to your waste

P Paperwork Make sure you obtain the proper invoice and receipt for the disposal of your waste

Advice for homeowners

Householders are legally responsible for any household waste produced on their property. Most household waste can be disposed of in your wheeled bins. However, you will need to dispose of some waste such as large items (sofas, fridges etc) and building materials in a different way. You could be fined if your waste ends up fly-tipped.

There are several ways to dispose of waste that cannot go into wheeled bins:

1. Take large waste items to your local recycling and waste site (tip). Find your nearest tip online at www.leicestershire.gov.uk
2. Use a licensed waste carrier to remove your waste. It is a legal requirement to use a licensed waste carrier - check the public register of waste carriers online at www.gov.uk/environment-agency
3. For a charge, Harborough District Council can dispose of your large waste items as part of our bulky waste collection service. Find out more at www.harborough.gov.uk/bulky-waste
4. Residents in the Harborough District can subscribe to the garden waste collection service to have their garden waste collected for an annual fee. Find out more and subscribe at www.harborough.gov.uk/green-bin

Advice for landowners

Landowners are responsible for removing any fly-tipping found on private land.

There are a number of steps that you can take to help prevent fly-tipping on your land:

- Install gates and barriers, and improve visibility in the area
- Keep areas tidy and remove any fly-tipped waste quickly to discourage others
- Deter potential fly-tippers with signage or cameras
- Work with others including your neighbours, local businesses and any existing partnerships



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