

FLYTIPPING

What is it and how can we stop it?



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Flytipping means dumping waste illegally, instead of using the kerbside collection service or your local recycling centre. From a bin bag left in front of your bin store or on the street to a mountain of tyres abandoned in a field, it's all flytipping.



What happens if you get caught flytipping?



Flytipping is a criminal offence. If you're caught you face a fixed penalty notice of £200. But if you get taken to court, you could be fined up to £40,000 or sent to prison for a maximum of five years.

Why flytipping is bad news



Flytipping is ugly and anti-social. Flytippers can turn a tidy street into a midden. We all have to pay the clean-up costs through our council taxes. It scars our beautiful Scottish landscape too, choking drains, sewers, ponds and rivers and endangering wildlife.



60,000
flytipping
incidents a year

26,000
tonnes of
dumped items

£8.9m
cleaning costs

Your duties as a householder





1

It's up to you to store and dispose of your household waste legally, safely and responsibly. This means using your bins correctly and taking them in again once emptied. See the Council website for the correct way to use your bins.

2

Your local recycling centre accepts a wide range of materials. Check opening hours on your local authority's website.

3

For bulky item uplift you'll need to make special arrangements with your local council. Unless you've done this, it's an offence to put them on the pavement.

4

If anybody – family, friends or neighbours – dumps your household waste illegally and gets caught, you'll be responsible too and you could be fined.

5

If you hire a waste-carrier company, check whether they are SEPA-registered by phoning **0300 099 6699**. Ask the carrier exactly where your waste is going. Be suspicious if their price is too low.

6

If you hire any tradesmen, it's their responsibility to dispose of the waste they produce. Check their plans for recycling or disposing of it and make sure the cost is included in their quote.

6 ways to get rid of your bulky items



1

If your items are small enough, put them into the proper bin. If they don't fit or can't be collected at the kerbside, take them to your local recycling centre yourself.

2

Call your local council and ask for a bulky items uplift. They'll usually charge you a small fee.

3

Visit the [Reuse Tool](#). If your furniture, white goods or bikes are still good enough to be used by someone else, they'll pick them up for free.

4

Hire a reputable waste disposal company to get rid of your items. Check they have a waste carrier's license, ask where they're taking the items and query their price.

5

Many white goods retailers will take away your old appliance. Ask when you buy a new one from them.

6

Take your items to a charity shop. Some charity shops will even take white goods like cookers, fridges and washing machines if they still work.

How to report flytipping

Your local authority needs proof to enforce the law on flytipping. If you know who dumped the items you can report them (even anonymously) with your evidence. You should always report flytipping, whether you know who dumped it or not, so it can be removed. If you own the land where waste has been dumped, it's up to you to get rid of the mess legally but your local authority may still wish to investigate so you should contact them.





To report flytipping on
public or private land call your
local council's customer service
on
[insert phone number]

Alternatively, you can
call the **Dumb Dumpers Stopline**
on **0300 777 2292**.
Or fill in the online form at
www.dumbdumpers.scot

Your local recycling centre: **[insert address]**

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Opening hours: [insert opening hours]

Tel: [insert telephone number], [insert web address]

At this site you can recycle the following items

 Electrical	 Mattresses
 Weee	 Furniture
 Hardcore and rubble	 Carpet
 Garden waste	 General waste
 Textiles	And more



[insert your local "recycle for...." swoosh logo]