Your rubbish is your responsibility

Make sure it doesn’t get dumped!
A guide for businesses

Contact details for your local council:

Borough Council of Wellingborough
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Borough Council of Wellingborough:
01933 229777
www.wellingborough.gov.uk

Kettering Borough Council:
01536 410333
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(for details of Household Waste Recycling Centres)

Remember, we are cracking down on fly tipping – it is a crime that affects you, your family and your community. We need your help to track down fly tipping offenders.

Tip off your local council in total confidence if you witness fly tipping or have any suspicions.

Further information
For further information contact your local council (see contact details in this leaflet) or check their website.

Business waste disposal facilities
There are four council run business waste disposal facilities across the county. Check online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres for opening times and information. Charges apply at these sites on a pay as you go basis and your waste carrier licence will be checked.

There are also private waste disposal sites in the county. Search online for these.

Northampton – Sixfields
Walter Tull Way
Via Sixfields Leisure Roundabout
Northampton
NN5 5QL

Northampton – Ecton Lane
Lower Ecton Lane
Great Billing
Northampton
NN3 5HQ

Kettering
Garrard Way
Telford Way Industrial Estate
Kettering
Northants
NN16 8TD

Rushden
Northampton Road
East of Sanders Lodge on the old A45 road
Rushden
Northants
NN10 6AL

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This information can be made available in other languages and formats upon request. Please contact 01604 236236.
Fly tipping is a crime and costs taxpayers over £650,000 to remove and dispose of each year in Northamptonshire. It can attract further crime, is dangerous, unsightly, harmful to the environment and is affecting our quality of life.

With the massive budget cuts local authorities are facing we need to tackle the fly tipping issue and drive down the 1,000 incidents that happen each month in our county.

**Reporting fly tipping**

We are cracking down on fly tipping and we need your help to do this. If we don’t work together the problem will continue to grow.

If you see fly tipping or have suspicions about a waste carrier you can report it to your local council in complete confidence.

We are using SmartWater to investigate fly tipping incidents which will help us identify offenders and lead to prosecutions. We are working with the police to do this and will use local media to ensure prosecutions are high profile – we will name and shame.

**What is SmartWater?**

SmartWater is a forensic liquid which can be used to mark any item. It is impossible to remove and can only be seen under ultraviolet light. SmartWater links property to its owner and criminals to a crime scene.

**Make waste your business**

Whether you are disposing of waste on a regular basis or once in a while, you have a duty of care which legally requires you to ensure your rubbish is disposed of properly. This is outlined in the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

**Your legal responsibilities**

The duty of care affects anyone who produces, carries, disposes of or otherwise holds any business or industrial waste. The law requires you to do all that is reasonable to:

- Prevent anyone disposing of your business waste unlawfully – you could be held responsible if someone else disposes of or manages your waste illegally.
- Prevent the waste escaping from your control, or from anyone else’s control.
- Transfer your waste only to an authorised waste carrier who is registered with the Environment Agency, your local council, or a waste manager who is permitted to accept the waste.
- Transfer a written description of the waste to the next holder – this must describe the waste sufficiently to allow them to comply with their duty of care.
- Keep all copies of waste transfer notes for two years.
- If you are a company who deals with business or household waste, you need a waste carrier licence. Carrying waste without one could cost you.

**Penalties you will face**

If you don’t comply with your duty of care you can be fined up to £5,000 for each offence at a Magistrate’s Court. Serious cases heard at higher courts can incur an unlimited fine. Ignorance will not be a defence if your waste is fly tipped by someone else.

People caught fly tipping can be arrested, fined up to £50,000, be imprisoned and get a criminal record.

**Disposing of waste legally**

The following advice will help you dispose of business waste legally:

1. Check the waste disposal company you are using is authorised to carry your waste by contacting the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506 or visiting www.environment-agency.gov.uk/publicregisters. You can also ask to see their waste carrier licence.

2. Keep a note of the waste carriers’ details, including the vehicle registration number.

3. Provide a full description of the waste for the waste carrier giving details of any unusual characteristics that could affect how they plan to handle or dispose of it.

4. If you are a business who disposes of waste on a routine basis you should arrange a trade waste agreement with an authorised waste management company or individual, or your local council.

5. Use the trade facility at Northamptonshire’s Household Waste Recycling Centres (listed in this leaflet) to dispose of your waste. There are four of these in the county as well as a number of private waste disposal companies.

6. Don’t use facilities for household waste at the recycling centres – even if you are depositing waste of the correct type, you will not be completing and keeping the required paperwork and leaving trade waste there is a criminal offence.

7. Keep all paperwork for at least two years.

8. Don’t put business waste out with your household waste (unless it is part of your waste management agreement).

**Disposing of rubbish illegally is a major problem across the UK and this is no different for Northamptonshire. This is often referred to as fly tipping and can be anything from a single black bag, a van load of industrial waste, a stack of discarded tyres… the list is endless.**