

Flytipping?

**See you in
court.**

**Don't flytip in
Dover District**

**Flytippers
face an
unlimited fine
or 5 years in
prison**



Flytipping?

What is fly tipping?

Fly tipping is the illegal deposit of waste. This can include garden cuttings, household rubbish, construction and demolition waste, white goods and vehicle parts.

What are the penalties?

- If caught fly tipping you could face a maximum penalty of an unlimited fine and/or up to five years imprisonment if the matter was taken to Court
- You could receive a £400 fixed penalty notice for fly tipping
- Your vehicle could be seized and destroyed.
- You could also get prosecuted and fined if you allow an unauthorised person to take your waste away.

Fly tipping – The Facts

- Fly tipping can seriously pollute watercourses and contaminate land
- It can endanger human health, wildlife and livestock
- Fly tipped waste is unsightly, spoils our communities and the quality of life for local residents
- It undermines legitimate businesses who are undercut by illegal operators
- Fly tipping encourages other people to dump more waste

Who pays for fly tipping to be cleared?

We all do! In 2013/14 the estimated cost to English Local Authorities of clearing fly tipping was £45.2 million. The costs in Kent are estimated to be over £900,000 per year. These costs are then passed on to local residents through council tax.

If waste is dumped on private land then the landowner has to pay for its removal.

“But it’s only garden cuttings – that’s not harmful”

Garden cuttings are still regarded as waste and must be disposed of correctly. Garden waste can be disposed of at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre or you can subscribe to weekly garden waste collections by Dover District Council on 01304 872428.

By fly tipping garden waste this can lead to the “broken-window” effect whereby further waste is also fly tipped in the area. This waste can be more harmful.

How should I dispose of my waste?

All residents are provided with bins or purple sacks for their general household waste. These are regularly collected by the Council’s contractors. For any bulky items, you should either take these to the Household Waste and Recycling Centre or arrange for a bulky waste collection by contacting Dover District Council on 01304 872428.

Can I burn my waste on public land?

The simple answer is NO! Green spaces across the District are there for people to enjoy. They should not be used to create bonfires using fly tipped rubbish. As well as committing an offence of fly tipping, those who deposit waste on land and then set fire to it, are also damaging the land and the environment. Dover District Council’s Environmental Crime Team and Community Safety Team take reports of waste burning very seriously and will investigate all incidents thoroughly.

How do I know if someone is authorised to take my waste?

- It is your responsibility to make sure your rubbish is disposed of legally. Always follow the SCRAP code.
SUSPECT – Beware of rogue collectors
CHECK – Ask for their waste carrier registration details. If they don’t have one – DON’T use them! You can check someone is authorised to take waste by contacting the Environment Agency on 03708 506506.
REFUSE – Do not be tempted by unsolicited offers to take your rubbish away
ASK QUESTIONS – Where is your rubbish going?
PAPERWORK – Make sure you get a proper receipt listing the rubbish removed and with the waste carriers details.

Remember if your waste is found fly tipped **YOU** could be liable to an unlimited fine.



What should I do if I see someone fly tipping?

- 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 made at the time of registration numbers, descriptions of people involved, what was seen etc. Even if the notes are only scribbled down they can still be very valuable as evidence
- Please report the incident as soon as possible

How to report an incident of fly tipping

You can report incidents of fly tipping to Dover District Council by:

Visiting our website www.dover.gov.uk

Telephoning: **01304 872289**

Emailing: envcrime@dover.gov.uk



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