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## Flytipping

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### What is fly-tipping and what are the penalties?

Fly-tipping is the dumping of items on any land that is not a licensed waste site.

On-the-spot fines of £300 can be issued where one or more domestic bags of waste are dumped; this is aimed at tackling low-level domestic fly-tipping. For more serious offences, involving large scale fly-tipping such as builder's rubble, unwanted furniture or a large number of bags, perpetrators will be prosecuted. Fly-tipping is an offence that carries an unlimited fine or up to five years imprisonment.

If you're unsure about what constitutes fly-tipping and your position under the law, take our [quiz](#).

### Reporting a fly tip

If you witness fly-tipping taking place call 999.

If you find a fly-tip, don't call the police, [report it to us](#). You can help by recording as much information as possible. For example:

- Date and time you saw the rubbish
- Where it is e.g. road name and any significant landmarks to help us find it easily.
- Description of the rubbish e.g. builders waste, household waste, furniture etc.

We will investigate reports of fly-tipping to try to find out who is responsible, as well as remove any rubbish which is dumped on council land. If waste is dumped on private land we will investigate who is responsible for leaving it there, but it is the landowner's responsibility to dispose of the waste.

We advise anyone who finds waste dumped on private land not to remove any evidence especially letters, envelopes or bills with an address on them. Leave them where they are and we will attend as soon as possible to retrieve them.

### Preventing fly-tipping

Did you know you can be prosecuted even if you didn't dump the waste? It is vital if having items/waste removed from your home, you use licensed waste carriers, in order to help prevent fly-tipping

If you don't and the person you've employed dumps the waste illegally, then you could be prosecuted.

Learn to S.C.R.A.P!



taking your waste away is licensed

**R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away

**A**sk what will happen to your waste

**P**aperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt

Let's **S.C.R.A.P.** fly tipping  
[hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping)



— David Lloyd —  
**Police and Crime Commissioner**  
for Hertfordshire

The [Hertfordshire Fly Tipping](#)

[Group](#) is a multi-agency task force which includes Hertfordshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue; the Environment Agency, the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner and the National Farmers Union now working together to tackle fly tipping across Hertfordshire. For further information download the [S.C.R.A.P leaflet](#)

## How to dispose of your waste

We have a small number of [local recycling banks](#) around the borough where you can recycle clothes/shoes and small electrical items and batteries. For other items, please take them to the [Household Waste Recycling Centre](#) also known as the local tip.

We also offer a [bulky item removal service](#).

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