



## Fly tipper fined



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A fly tipper has received a £300 fine after being tracked down by Hertsmere Borough Council's environmental health team.

A member of public reported the dumped rubbish in Newberries Car Park, Radlett on 22 March.

A resident at an address in Potters Bar was served a £300 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). Another resident from Enfield has also received a written warning after using a rogue waste carrier who then dumped his or her household waste alongside.

Councillor Seamus Quilty, Portfolio Holder for Environment, said: "We take fly tipping very seriously and we are doing everything in our power to tackle it, including using state of the art mobile CCTV cameras.

"I am delighted our environmental health team have been able to track the people responsible and take the appropriate action. Fly tipping is a serious crime that negatively affects residents, businesses and the local environment, as well as diverts valuable resources from the delivery of frontline services at a time when the council must continue to make efficiency savings.

"If you have any information about fly tipping, please let us know. Your information will be treated in the strictest of confidence."

Around two thirds of fly tips are household waste, so the council is reminding residents to dispose of their waste responsibly by using their kerbside waste and recycling bins, taking items to their local recycling centre, using the council's bulky waste collection service, selling or donating unwanted items or using a registered waste carrier.

Cllr Quilty, added: "Everyone has a duty of care to ensure their household waste is disposed of correctly. Fly tipping is a criminal offence. You can be prosecuted even if your waste is fly tipped by someone else. Remember, if it's your waste, it's your responsibility.

"Our advice is always get a receipt for any waste that you ask to be disposed of and check the person has a waste carrier's licence. If in doubt give the council's Environmental Health team a call on 020 8207 2277."

Householders can be issued with a £300 fixed penalty notice – reduced to £200 if paid within 10 days – or a criminal conviction in court if their domestic waste is fly tipped.

Always use a registered waste carrier to collect your rubbish. There are some simple steps - using the SCRAP mnemonic - you can take:

- **S**uspect all waste carriers; do not let them take your waste until they have proven themselves to be legitimate. A professional waste carrier should happily answer reasonable questions.
- **C**heck their waste carrier registration details, then verify them by searching the Environment Agency website or by calling 03708 506 506. Note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.
- **R**efuse unexpected offers to have any rubbish taken away. If you do not trust that someone who you have spoken to will be disposing of waste legally, report their vehicle registration and name to the Environment Agency.
- **A**sk what will happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately.
- **P**aperwork should be obtained. Make sure you get a proper invoice, waste transfer note or a receipt for your waste removal. This should give a description of the waste and provide the waste carrier's contact details.

Hertsmere is an active member of Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group, a multi-agency taskforce set up to tackle fly tipping.

As part of the 'Let's SCRAP fly tipping' countywide campaign we're reminding Hertfordshire residents that if they see fly tipping in progress to call 999 immediately and report the incident using our online [reportit](#) form or calling our customer service team on 020 8207 2277.

For more information on how to dispose of your waste responsibly or find a registered waste carrier, please visit our [flytipping](#) page.

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