# LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY TIPPING!



If it's YOUR waste, it's YOUR responsibility.

Dispose of YOUR items properly to avoid an UNLIMITED FINE.

Could YOU be fly tipping?

# FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS



# Items and bags left...

beside street bins and recycling banks, on the floor of communal bin areas,





outside closed household recycling centres and charity shops ...are all FLY TIPPING!

If bins or banks are full, or the shop or centre is closed, take YOUR items away with you – DO NOT leave them behind, or YOU could receive a Fixed Penalty Notice up to £400 or face an UNLIMITED FINE.

# How YOU can prevent fly tipping

We ALL have a legal obligation, or DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of correctly. The best way to stop organised fly tipping is to make sure that only authorised waste carriers take your waste away.

**YOU** could face prosecution and an **UNLIMITED FINE** if your waste ends up fly tipped by someone else.

Remember, if it's YOUR waste, it's YOUR responsibility!

Avoid a fine. Put items in a bin, not by the side; don't leave items out for the 'scrap man'; and always follow the S.C.R.A.P. code if you are having household waste removed.

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# SUSPECT

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.

# CHECK

their waste carrier's registration details, then verify them by searching the Environment Agency website (link below) 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.

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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.

# How YOU can find LEGAL waste carriers:

Always carry out your own research and choose whose services you wish to use. You can find licensed waste carriers in your neighbourhood by **calling the**Environment Agency on 03708 506 506

or visiting: environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

# Why fly tipping is rubbish



It is dangerous to people, animals and the environment.



It encourages others to dump more.



It is ugly; it spoils our towns and devalues community areas.



It attracts other antisocial behaviour such as graffiti and vandalism.



It harms the countryside and costs landowners thousands to clear.



It is expensive for council taxpayers, local councils and landowners.

Around £750,000 of council taxpayers' money is spent in Buckinghamshire each year on the clear-up of illegal waste from public land together with the enforcement of waste law. Nearly £50 million is spent on clear-up across England as a whole\*.

Fly tipping is punishable by an **UNLIMITED FINE** or **IMPRISONMENT.** 

# Is YOUR business disposing of its waste correctly?

EVERY business that produces waste in the UK has a legal 'DUTY OF CARE' to manage it properly from the moment it is produced until it is either recycled or disposed of.

**OVER 50%** of UK businesses are not complying with the law and **90%** of these are small companies with fewer than 50 employees\*.

It is YOUR legal responsibility to always use a registered waste carrier, and/or register to transport YOUR own waste. The correct paperwork must be kept for at least two years. A lack of understanding will not stop YOU receiving an **UNLIMITED FINE** in court.

These websites will help your business comply with the law and YOUR Duty of Care:

- gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview
- rightwasterightplace.com
- tacklingflytipping.com

\*data from Right Waste, Right Place.

# How YOU can report fly tipping

If you see fly tipping in progress, try to record as many details as possible as evidence - but never put yourself at risk.

**ALL** fly tipping should be reported online to your local council, regardless of whether you saw it in progress or have just discovered it.

### **REPORT HERE:**

www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk

# Record as many details as possible:



vehicle's registration number and details



description of the people involved



the direction they were travelling



the exact location



the date and time that you discovered the rubbish



details of the items dumped



photos of the waste and of the fly tippers if possible



Never put yourself at risk when reporting a fly tip!

# What else can YOU do with YOUR waste?



### Use the Bucks Waste Wizard

Put your postcode into the Waste Wizard, and tell it what you need to dispose of, and... hey presto! You'll be given details of the best way to do it.

www.recycle4bucks.co.uk/wizard



### Use your kerbside waste and recycling collection

Check on your district council's website to confirm which items can be collected along with other service information.

www.recycle4bucks.co.uk/your-waste-service



### Use your household recycling centre (HRC)

Find out more information about the location and opening hours of your nearest HRC, whether you need an e-permit and check in advance for queues using a live webcam feed.

www.buckscc.gov.uk/waste



### Sell or donate your unwanted items

You can sell or give away items online using websites such as eBay, Gumtree, Freecycle or social media community groups. We also sell quality unwanted items at our HRC re-use shops, which helps support local charities. You can also donate to charity shops- but please don't leave goods outside!

www.recycle4bucks.co.uk/pass-it-on



### Use your council's bulky waste collection service

All district councils in Buckinghamshire offer a service to collect bulky items directly from your house – refer to your council's website or contact them for more details.

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# Who are WE?

The Waste Partnership for Buckinghamshire is made up of Buckinghamshire County Council and the county's four district councils: Aylesbury Vale, Chiltern, South Bucks, and Wycombe. The Partnership works to provide a high quality waste disposal and recycling service for the residents of Buckinghamshire. As part of this, it operates a zero-tolerance policy towards fly tipping, investigating cases and prosecuting offenders whenever possible. Our success at prosecuting incidents is about 16 times the national level, with an average of one prosecution every week.

Visit: www.recycle4bucks.co.uk/flytip











