

## Fly-tipping – notes from Buckinghamshire Council Enforcement Team

- If reporting dumped **waste for clearance pls use Fix My Street** [www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.buckscc.gov.uk) unless on **private land** then report to mailbox [SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)  
Fix My Street reports for public land are sent automatically to the right clean-up team, which helps us a lot, and all FMS reports are copied to the Enforcement Team including images and location map.
- If you see someone fly-tipping **please don't put yourself at risk** - **don't interfere**, just take details (they might take the waste somewhere else to dump it with no witnesses if you shout at them !)
- Report details incl **vehicle registration index, location, date and time** to mailbox [SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- No need to put yourself at risk taking photos, but always helpful if you're able to do so **safely**
- Householders must **by law** use only a registered waste carrier (or council waste removal service)
- We ask everyone to **insist they pay online** which is far more traceable than cash
- Please make a note of the waste carrier vehicle registration index just in case
- Householders will be viewed as witnesses (rather than potentially defendants) in Bucks if they make traceable payment (not cash) even if their waste is fly-tipped
- Use someone you find to take your waste away - not someone who "finds you"  
don't use 'man with van' who knocks at your door unrequested
- Most of the waste which is fly-tipped in Bucks is brought in from elsewhere (mainly London and Slough)
- 2/3 of fly-tipping is trade waste (which means someone paid a waste carrier to take it away) and not a resident stupidly dumping their own waste
- On average there has been more than 1 dumping conviction per week for 10 years in Bucks
- Average total offenders pay at court is £1,875 (includes both dumping and duty of care failure cases)
- Fines have increased since 2014 Sentencing Guidelines came in
- Re-offenders are much more likely to be caught and will be at a higher risk of a prison sentence (to a maximum of 5 years)
- Buckinghamshire Council receives back over 70% of the investigation and clean-up costs for fly-tip court cases back to Council bank accounts
- Never be tempted to add items to fly-tipped waste – this would be viewed as fly-tipping (by you !) and a **'Zero Tolerance'** policy applies
- **Household waste is free** to take to the Household Recycling Centre, aka 'the dump' (includes fridges, mattresses, sofas, household black bag excess)
- 'Household waste' usually means the things you would take with you if you moved house, plus plant based garden waste – full details at :- [www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/waste-we-charge-for](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres/waste-we-charge-for)
- Waste management has never been 'free' – there are always costs, sometimes paid by taxation
- HRC site users pay for expensive extra services, rather than everyone subsidising through council tax
- S.C.R.A.P. Fly-tipping campaign <https://www.recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/scrap-fly-tipping/>



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