

Report fly tipping

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If you see any fly tipping please report it by calling us on 01946 598300 or email wasteofficers@copeland.gov.uk [4].

Please try and describe the location of the items as accurately as possible and tell us the nature of what has been dumped. We will then clean up the mess and investigate the culprits.

Flytipping (Dumped Rubbish)

Dumped rubbish (flytipped waste) is unsightly and also illegal, dangerous and can be detrimental to the appearance of your neighbourhood. Fly tipping is the depositing of waste on an open space or public place without the permission of the land owner and which is not an authorised waste disposal site and can lead to a fine of up to £50,000 and/or imprisonment. We investigate dumped rubbish and can serve a legal notice to landowners to clear rubbish that attracts or harbours vermin. Where we have sufficient evidence we will prosecute fly-tippers.

Householders are reminded that they have a duty of care to ensure that their waste is passed on to an authorised person (A registered waste carrier). Householders may be prosecuted if fly tipped items can be traced back to them.

What to do if you see flytipped waste

Help us tackle this problem by reporting fly tipping. You can contact us on 01946 598300 or email us at wasteofficers@copeland.gov.uk [4].

- Do not touch the waste: flytipped waste can be dangerous – it may contain syringes, broken glass, asbestos, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances.
- Inspect the waste: try to find out what the waste consists of and how much there is.
- Note its exact location and whether it is in or near water.
- Do not disturb the site: there may be evidence that could help identify the culprits and lead to their prosecution.

but remember - don't put yourself at risk.

If you see someone flytipping

If you see someone fly tipping or would like to report an area where fly tipping has taken place, take note of the following:

- The date, time and location of the occurrence
- What the waste looks like and how much of it there is
- A description of any vehicles involved, along with their vehicle's registration number.
- Do not touch the waste: flytipped waste can be dangerous – it may contain syringes, broken glass, asbestos, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances.

Flytipping on private land

- We only clear flytipping from public areas, such as roads. If flytipping occurs on private property, it is the responsibility of the occupier or owner of the property to clear it.

- If you want to report flytipping on private land (that is not yours), please contact us on 01946 598300 or email us at wasteofficers@copeland.gov.uk [4]. We will then investigate and if necessary, enforce removal of the waste by the occupier or owner of the property. However, this may mean the serving of a formal enforcement notice and therefore removal may take some time.

For hazardous or toxic waste such as asbestos or paint, see [here](#) [5].

Attachments

[Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005](#) [6]

External Links

- [Environmental Protection Act 1990](#) [7]

We are not responsible for the content of [other organisations' websites](#) [8]

Hazardous Waste

In public places

If you find hazardous or toxic waste in public places you should contact us immediately by phone 01946 598300 or email wasteofficers@copeland.gov.uk [4].

Please make sure you have as much information as possible. We will follow the necessary procedures and offer the relevant advice from the Environment Agency.

In or on commercial premises

If you find hazardous or toxic waste in or on commercial premises, please contact the [Environment Agency](#) [9].

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