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## **PARISH GUIDE**

### **Stopping Fly-Tipping**

Fly-tipping is illegal, bad for the environment, despoils the countryside and can be a serious health hazard.

#### **Householders' duty-of-care**

All householders have a statutory duty-of-care to ensure waste material and household items such as old fridges or washing machine, electrical goods, DIY waste material etc are disposed of correctly and legally.

#### **Waste carriers' licence**

Anyone collecting waste must be licensed to do so. It is your responsibility to ensure the person collecting your waste is licensed. As well as some selfish householders, organised criminal gangs operate illegal waste disposal services and are responsible for fly-tipping. If the police or Environment officers find evidence linking a fly-tipping incident to you, for example by finding your address among the rubbish, you could be liable and face a stiff penalty. Therefore ALWAYS:

- Ask the waste carrier to provide you with their full address and telephone number.
- Ask to see their waste carrier licence issued by the Environment Agency.
- Contact the Environment Agency directly on 08708 506 506 and ask for a free instant Waste Carrier Validation Check, alternatively you can check online on the Environment Agency website.

## Reporting fly-tipping

If you come across an incident of fly-tipping, there are simple ways of reporting it:

- For a large deposit of waste material, e.g. dumped by a truck, call the Environment Agency's 24-hour hotline 0800 807060, free from landlines, or 03708 506506 (national call rates apply).
- For lesser amounts, inform Mendip District Council:  
By phone: 0300 303 8588  
On-line: <http://www.mendip.gov.uk/streetclean?formid=10982>
- Or visit the Fix My Street website, and follow the simple instructions at <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>

Local councils have powers to penalise illegal fly-tipping and duty-of-care offences. Fixed penalty notices can be issued if people do not comply with the duty-of-care obligations. They could also be convicted and face up to 5 years imprisonment, an unlimited fine, or both.

## More information

A guide is available for download at:

[http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/Main\\_doc\\_landowner.pdf](http://www.tacklingflytipping.com/Documents/NFTPG-Files/Main_doc_landowner.pdf)