

Fly-tipping

Dumping waste on any land which doesn't have an Environmental Permit or allowing others to do so on your **behalf is a criminal offence. You could face very large fines and even be sent to prison.**

Apart from being an eyesore, fly-tipping can lead to serious pollution of land and waterways, blight our countryside and open spaces, increase fear of crime, and harm both wildlife and human health.

West Suffolk Council, along with the Environment Agency, are responsible for investigating and clearing fly-tipping on public land. Clearing fly-tipping from private land is the responsibility of the landowner although the council will investigate and take action where there is sufficient evidence. Fly-tipping costs council taxpayers significant amounts of money to clear away.

Everyone has a legal responsibility or 'duty of care' to make sure that all waste from their household is disposed of properly

Report fly-tipping

Don't:

- don't touch the waste - it may contain syringes, toxic chemicals or other hazardous substances
- don't disturb the site - there may be evidence that could help identify the fly-tippers and lead to their prosecution

Do:

- visually try to work out what the waste consists of and how much there is - take photos if it is safe to do so
- make a note of the day, date and time you saw the tipping, its exact location and whether it's in or near water. Keep any notes you make, even scribbled ones, as they can be very valuable as evidence

- contact WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL as soon as possible so that they can investigate

If you witness someone fly-tipping, make a note of:

- how many people are involved and what they look like
- what has been dumped - how much and what it looks like
- details of any vehicles involved including make, colour and registration number if possible
- call 999 if the incident is still in progress

Be very careful. Remember that fly-tippers are doing something illegal – they are unlikely to welcome people observing them or taking notes or photographs.

Report fly-tipping to West Suffolk Council Customer Services

• 01284 757320

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