



Fly-tipping Enforcement

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Parish & Town Council information

A brief guide for Parish and Town Councils on fly-tipping trends, enforcement actions and proactive messages to prevent fly-tipping.



Fly-tipping in Buckinghamshire

The last decade has seen a steady increase in fly-tipping nationally, and whilst there have been effective campaigns to reduce fly-tipping at source, it remains difficult to affect the long term trend. We take a zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping and on average we have secured more than 1 dumping conviction per week for 10 years.

- **Around 70% of waste dumped locally comes from outside the County**, mainly London & Slough
- **Two thirds of fly-tipping is committed by professional dumpers**, where someone has paid for their waste to be taken away and it is then dumped.
- **Average total offenders pay at court is £1,875** Buckinghamshire Council receives over 70% of the investigation and clean-up costs for fly-tips that are prosecuted at Court.
- **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)
- **Over 90% of dumped waste is either trade waste (40%) or entirely free to dispose of at Household Recycling Centres.** Charges at centres have had no impact on fly-tipping.

How to report fly-tipping

On public land - Report via Fix My Street - [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fix-my-street](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/fix-my-street)

These reports are sent directly to the clearance teams and enforcement officers.

On private land - Report via dedicated mailbox for investigation

SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Landowners are responsible for clearing waste dumped on private land, however the Enforcement Team will investigate and prosecute cases where the evidence allows.

If you see someone fly-tipping - Don't put yourself at risk. Take as many details as safely as possible. Vehicle registration, location, date and time. There is no need to put yourself at risk taking photos, but always helpful if you're able to do so safely.

Report details as soon as possible to mailbox SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk



How to prevent fly-tipping

SCRAP fly-tipping is a campaign used by lots of local authorities across the Country. It clearly explains how we can all avoid our waste being dumped.

S Suspect all waste carriers, especially anyone who cold calls, or contacts you about waste removal.

C Check they are a registered waste carrier via the Environment Agency website.

R Refuse any unexpected offers to have your rubbish taken away.

A Ask what will happen to your rubbish and seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately.

P Paperwork must be obtained for the transfer of waste from businesses, but we also ask householders to ask for a receipt

Another top tip is to never pay cash. It is untraceable and legitimate waste carriers will accept cards, bank transfers or cheques.

We can provide SCRAP fly-tipping resources to share locally, including posters, leaflets and online resources. Please contact SCRAPflytipping@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

Household Recycling Centres

Buckinghamshire has ten Household Recycling Centres across the County. All accept household waste for free, and residents can dispose of small amounts of DIY waste for free with a DIY e-permit. Charges are in place for large amounts of DIY waste, the charges help offset the cost of disposing of these materials and ensures only those who produce this waste, around 1 in 20 visitors, pay for it.

WRAP have conducted a **national study** which finds “no evidence of an association between fly-tipping and charging at HRCs”

Fly tipping enforcement

Our Zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping offences means you are much more likely to be caught if you fly-tip in Buckinghamshire than the UK average; anyone dumping waste illegally here should expect to receive the most robust response which the law allows. We use covert cameras, CCTV, eye witnesses, evidence found in fly-tips and more to find and prosecute fly-tippers.

Householders will be viewed as witnesses, rather than potential defendants if they make traceable payment, not cash, even if their waste is fly-tipped.

The S.C.R.A.P. code helps avoid waste ending up in criminal's hands and therefore helps reduce fly-tipping.

Follow the SCRAP Code at - recycleforbuckinghamshire.co.uk/scrap

