

The Enforcement Team deals with a wide range of public amenity legislation and local byelaws.

If you wish to report an Environmental Crime:

Abandoned Vehicles
Bonfires
Grass Verge Parking
Fly-Tipping
Fly-Posting
Overgrown Hedges
Stray Dogs

Please contact us on 01462 474000

Graffiti 0800 3286023
Untaxed Vehicle (DVLA) 0800 0325202

Email: service@north-herts.gov.uk

Enforcement Officers are constantly out and about patrolling North Hertfordshire and will act whenever they see an offence being committed.

If you witness Fly-Tipping on Local Authority land in North Hertfordshire, please contact the Licensing and Enforcement Team on **(01462) 474000**, Text Phone **(01462) 474800** with the following details:

- Exact location
- Vehicle registration number and vehicle details (if witnessed)
- Description of all persons responsible (if witnessed)
- Brief description of items Fly-Tipped
- Date and time of offence

Please do not put yourself at risk.

Make a visual inspection only, do not touch or disturb the site as Enforcement Officers will need to collect items for evidence for prosecution and items Fly-Tipped may contain hazardous waste or be a danger to the environment and to health and safety.

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL



REFUSE DISPOSAL (AMENITY) ACT 1978
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ACT 1990

FLY-TIPPING

IT IS AN **OFFENCE** UNDER THE REFUSE DISPOSAL (AMENITY) ACT 1978 TO ABANDON ANYTHING ON LOCAL AUTHORITY LAND, OPEN LAND AND HIGHWAY LAND. IF FOUND GUILTY OF THIS OFFENCE A PERSON MAY BE LIABLE FOR A FINE OF £2,500 AND/OR UP TO THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT

THERE ARE SIMILAR **OFFENCES** UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1990, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED AND FINED UPON CONVICTION UP TO £50,000, UNLIMITED IF INDICTED TO THE CROWN COURT OR IMPRISONMENT

MAXIMUM PENALTY £50,000

THE POLICE ALSO HAVE THE POWERS TO SEIZE VEHICLES USED FOR FLY-TIPPING

North Hertfordshire District Council attempts to minimise Fly-Tipping and treats this problem very seriously and may prosecute anyone caught Fly-Tipping waste. Fly-Tipping is an illegal, anti-social activity.



Fly-Tipping is the illegal deposit of waste onto land with no licence to accept waste.

It is an offence under the Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978 to abandon anything on Local Authority land, open land and highway land. If found guilty of this offence a person may be liable for a fine of £2,500 and/or up to three months imprisonment.



There are also similar offences under the Environment Protection Act 1990, prohibiting an accumulation or deposit of waste on land if it is considered to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance. Offenders are liable to be prosecuted and fined upon conviction up to £50,000 (unlimited if indicted to the Crown Court) or imprisonment.

It is also an offence for a person controlling the use of the vehicle used for Fly-Tipping. Offenders may also be prosecuted when only the vehicle, not the driver is identifiable. The Police have powers to seize vehicles used for Fly-Tipping.



Fly-Tipping includes the illegal dumping of grass and hedge cuttings.



Enforcement Officers regularly patrol North Hertfordshire by car and foot and will take action whenever an offence is being committed. To help, Enforcement Officers now operate mobile cameras at Fly-Tipping hotspots and also liaise with the Environment Agency via a national database.

It is illegal for Traders to Fly-Tip to avoid paying for the safe and proper disposal of waste. If you are having work done on your property, please ensure that any waste has been disposed of legally.

There are two Civic Amenity Centres in North Hertfordshire, one at Blackhorse Road, Letchworth (open 7 days a week 10.00 am to 6.00 pm) and one at Beverley Close, Royston (open 7 days a week 8.00 am to 4.00 pm).



Everyone has a duty of care to account for the safe and proper disposal of his or her waste.

If Fly-Tipping is on private land, please contact the landowner direct.