

Duty of Care

Residents should be aware that under legislation that came into force in 2005, they have a 'Duty of Care' to ensure that any rubbish not collected from them as part of a Council service **must be collected by a business or person licensed to carry waste.**

Anyone who takes waste away from your home has to be a registered waste carrier. If you have any doubt, **call the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506** for an instant Waste Carrier Validation check. Or check for registered carriers in your area on the website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/publicregisters



If your rubbish is found fly tipped and traced back to you, you will be held responsible.

You could face a fine of up to £5,000.

litter *and* fly tipping

West Berkshire Council is responsible for litter picking, litter bin emptying, clearing of fly tipped waste and street cleansing within the West Berkshire area, working in partnership with Veolia Environmental Services.

litter



Litter can be as small as a matchstick or a cigarette end. The most common forms of litter are **cigarette ends** followed by **sweet wrappers** and **drink cartons**.

It is an offence to drop litter and if people drop, throw, deposit or leave anything so as to cause defacement in a public place, they could be committing a littering offence.

West Berkshire Council provides equipment to enable community groups, businesses, schools and individuals to carry out litter picking events/clean ups in their local area.

For more information on clean up events or to report fly tipping please contact Customer Services (Streetcare):

Tel: 01635 519 080
streetcare@westberks.gov.uk
www.westberks.gov.uk/waste



fly tipping

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of any waste on to land or sites unauthorised to accept waste.



Dumping of rubbish or fly tipping is harmful to the environment and potentially dangerous to people and wildlife.

Anyone caught fly tipping could be liable to prosecution facing fines of up to **£50,000** or **5 years imprisonment**.

West Berkshire Council is responsible for the investigation and, if appropriate, the subsequent removal of fly tipped material on public land. The responsibility for material fly-tipped on private land rests with the land owner or land manager.



West Berkshire Council provides a chargeable bulky waste collection service for West Berkshire residents, which can be booked by contacting Customer Services (Streetcare).

Residents can recycle and dispose of their household waste, free of charge, at the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Newtown Road, Newbury.