

Household Rubbish and the Law

It is your responsibility to ensure
that the rubbish from your
property is disposed of legally.



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Household Duty of Care for Waste

Occasionally, householders may need to use a private contractor to remove household, garden or construction rubbish.

To avoid such waste being illegally fly tipped, the Household Waste Duty of Care Regulations 2005 were introduced.

Under these regulations, householders have a legal duty to take reasonable measures to ensure that household waste produced on their property is passed on to a person authorised to accept waste.

You could be fined up to £5,000 if you pass your household waste to an unauthorised person and this waste is then illegally dumped.

What Steps Do I Need to Take?

Ask to see their waste carrier licence which is issued by the Environment Agency.

Contact the Environment Agency on 08708 505 506 and ask for a free instant waste carrier check or go to www.environment-agency.gov.uk public registers.

Alternatively ask the waste carrier to provide you with their full address, phone number and vehicle registration.

For further advice please call Stafford Borough Council on 01785 619 000.

How Do I Dispose of Household Rubbish?

Bulky Waste Collection

Stafford Borough Council will take up to three large items eg fridge, cooker, mattress etc for a fee. For details call 01785 619 402 or visit www.staffordbc.gov.uk/binday.

Small Electrical Goods

The Council collect small electrical items from the kerbside. You can take advantage of this free service by placing small electrical items such as kettles, irons, toasters etc into a carrier bag and leave by the side of the green or blue bin on collection day. For details call 01785 619 402 or visit www.staffordbc.gov.uk/binday.

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Items can also be disposed of at Household Waste Recycling Centres (Tips) within the Borough. The locations and opening times can be found at www.staffordshire.gov.uk or call Staffordshire County Council on 0300 111 8000

Scrap Metal

A householder is liable to prosecution for fly tipping if their scrap metal items are put out onto public land or highway ie the footpath, road or grass verge.

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