



Fly-tipping

Days of Action FAQ's

Fly-tipping is illegal, unsightly and damaging to the environment. Any person found to have fly-tipped is liable to receive a fixed penalty notice of up to £200. Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Services is to pilot a new approach to fly-tipping enforcement.

What is fly-tipping?

Fly-tipping is defined as the 'illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it'. Tipping a mattress, electrical items or a bin bag full of rubbish in the street causes a local nuisance and makes an area look ugly and run down. At the larger end of the scale fly-tipping can involve several truckloads of construction and demolition waste being tipped on different types of land.

What is changing?

The Days of Action approach will see community enforcement officers and public health staff target known fly-tipping locations in affected communities in the search for evidence that helps identify the culprits guilty of illegal dumping.

How will you do this?

Fly-tipping incidents will be treated as environmental crime scenes to create highly visible investigations within neighbourhoods. Fly-tipping locations will be taped off and notices put up that show the council knows about the specific incidents on public ground. This will include a call for local residents and businesses to provide information that helps pin down those responsible for these environmental crimes.

How will this help?

Following detailed information based on reports from the public and local knowledge gathered by frontline teams that identifies locations, enforcement officers will also directly engage with those living and working in affected areas to gather the evidence required to issue fixed penalty notices against guilty parties.

Are you only targeting individuals?

Alongside the effort to gather evidence, officers will also move into affected areas to ensure local businesses have valid waste disposal contracts in place. Where businesses do not have appropriate measures in place to manage their waste, they will be issued with enforcement notices that gives them 14 days to resolve the situation.

What if the fly-tipping is on private property?

Glasgow has 931 privately owned lanes out with the city centre. A Private Lane Toolkit has been launched by Glasgow City Council (GCC) to help residents and owners understand more about the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of any adjoining lanes to their property.

Where fly-tipped waste is found to be on private ground, neighbourhood officers will also seek to identify and contact the landowners to press home the need for them to take responsibility for their sites. Failure by landowners to respond to the reminder of responsibilities to take steps to prevent fly-tipping may lead to enforcement action by Public Health.

Is this approach going to be city-wide?

The environmental crime scene approach will initially be focussed on 8 areas across the city. The approach will be carefully monitored over an initial eight week to gauge its effectiveness and this will help to determine how resources can be deployed for maximum impact.

What should I do with my bulk waste?

The options for disposal are:

- Contacting National Re-use who take items that are in good condition and could be re-used. Please donate online at: <https://wasteless.zerowastescotland.org.uk/articles/reuse-tool>
- Residents can dispose of items free of charge at our Household Waste Recycling Centres: <https://glasgow.gov.uk/hwrc>
- We offer a service for bulk uplifts from residents in flats and main door properties and residents can place a request by using our online form: <https://glasgow.gov.uk/bulkywaste>

What can I do to help?

We are seeking your co-operation in resolving this issue and ask that any information on those involved in fly-tipping is reported to us via our website at:

<https://glasgow.gov.uk/reportenvironmentalcrime> or scan the QR code below.

