



## **Fly Tipping of Garden Waste**

Fly tipping of waste is a growing problem; we are working hard to reduce the illegal dumping of waste in North Norfolk.

Fly-tipping is defined as the 'illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it'. Various types of waste is fly tipped, including; general household waste; white goods (fridges, freezers and washing machines); construction rubbish (demolition and home improvement rubbish); and garden waste.

Instances of fly tipping of garden waste are on the increase, with more reports being received both on highway verges and on private land. We need to make you aware that although garden waste is biodegradable, it is still classed as waste, and it is still an offence to illegally deposit it under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 33.

Garden waste can mean any waste coming from your garden such as grass cuttings, tree branches, etc.

There are a variety of ways to dispose of garden waste legally:

- You can take it to any of Norfolk's Recycling Centres where it will be taken away for composting. For more information on Recycling Centre locations please visit: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/find-your-local-recycling-centre>
- North Norfolk District Council offers a garden waste collection service, for a small annual fee: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-services/apply-for-a-brown-garden-bin/>
- You can compost your garden waste on your own land. Home composting provides an excellent opportunity to use your garden waste in a resourceful manner and put nutrients straight back into your garden.

We recognise many people are disposing of their garden waste properly and legally and therefore thank you for your consideration and co-operation.

If you are a landowner, and you are having waste fly tipped on your land without your permission, please report this to us. We may be able to assist you with identifying the offenders using CCTV cameras or provide signage to help deter offenders.

For further information on your domestic duty of care please go to: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/media/1526/a5-domestic-waste-duty-of-care.pdf>.

If you should see any incidents of fly tipping or witness the offence occurring please do not hesitate to contact the Environmental Protection Team at [ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:ep@north-norfolk.gov.uk).