

## Advice for Businesses

- 1) You have a legal duty to deal responsibly with any waste your business produces. This is known as your '[duty of care](#)'.
- 2) If you give your business' waste to anyone other than your local council trade waste collection service you must check that they are [registered waste carriers](#). You could face an unlimited fine if your waste ends up fly-tipped and you cannot show that you took reasonable steps to prevent it. Check the [public register of waste carriers](#) or call 03708 506 506.
- 3) If you carry your own waste to a disposal site yourself, make sure that your business is [registered as a waste carrier](#). If you only transport waste you produce yourself then the registration is usually free.
- 4) You must ensure that you complete and keep the written information relating to all your [business' waste](#) for a period of two years. You must make the documents available for inspection by authorised officers of the council or the Environment Agency when required to do so. Failure to produce the [written information](#) when asked by the council or the Environment Agency is an offence, for which a Fixed Penalty Notice of £300 can be issued.
- 5) [Documentation](#) can be [electronic](#) or paper in the form of invoices, receipts or other documents, as long as they include the relevant information (specified by [Regulation 35\(2\) of the Waste \(England and Wales\) 2011 Regulations](#)). Documents may be produced for each load of waste taken, or may be in the form of an annual '[season ticket](#)' to cover a regular collection.
- 6) Ensuring that only registered waste carriers carry waste, and ensuring that all waste is accounted for by documentation, helps to ensure that all waste ends up disposed of correctly, and does not end up fly-tipped.
- 7) More information on your responsibility to ensure your businesses disposes of its waste correctly can be found [here](#).
- 8) Further information on how to prevent fly-tipping and the [Fly-tipping Partnership Framework](#) can be found on the [NFTPG website](#).