

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **RESIDENTS REMINDED OF RESPONSIBILITY TO DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**

As the Council continues its popular crack down on fly-tipping, residents are reminded that they have a legal responsibility to make sure their waste is disposed of properly.

"Don't be tempted by someone offering to take your waste away cheaply without first checking that they are licensed to do so - otherwise you could be landed with a hefty bill," said Bexley's Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure, Cllr Peter Craske.

"If you haven't taken steps to make sure you are using someone with a Waste Carriers Licence, and the waste is then fly-tipped and traced back to you, you could be fined up to £5,000."

Everyone, whether a large company or an individual resident, is responsible for making sure that they use someone with a Waste Carriers Licence to take their waste away. Always ask for their licence number and don't use them if they can't provide one. Licence numbers can be checked via the Environment Agency website at [www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information).

Thanking residents for continuing to work with the Council to fight the blight of fly-tipping, Cllr Craske gave a further reminder that it is also an offence to leave rubbish or unwanted items out on the public highway. An instant fine of £400 can be issued to those who do.

Fly-tipping can be reported by an [online form](#) or by calling the Council on 020 8303 7777.

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