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Household waste can be legally disposed of at the following sites, seven days a week, however, certain restrictions may apply. Building materials will be limited to small amounts typically associated with DIY works and not major renovations.

- › Collett Way, Great Western Business Park, Yate
- › Station Road, Little Stoke
- › Carsons Road, Mangotsfield
- › Short Way, Thornbury Industrial Estate

Call **01454 868000**
or check out the Council's website:
www.southglos.gov.uk for information on opening times and full details on what constitutes household waste, and any limits/restrictions.

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To report fly tipping or for further information, please contact:

 **01454 868000**
 streetcare@southglos.gov.uk
 www.southglos.gov.uk/flytipping

Or write to:

**Streetcare Helpdesk,
South Gloucestershire Council,
Community Services,
FREEPOST SWB 902,
Yate, Bristol,
BS37 7ZZ**

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Prevent **Fly tipping**

Your **responsibilities** for waste as a **householder**



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Household Duty of Care

Since November 2005 the Government extended the Duty of Care for waste, making householders responsible for ensuring their waste is disposed of properly. The duty is designed to promote the proper disposal of waste and to reduce the amount of fly tipping that can blight our countryside and local communities. This allows councils to take action against anyone who has not taken reasonable measures to ensure their waste is passed on to an authorised person for disposal.

What does this mean for you?

If you are employing tradesmen, skip companies, house clearance firms or anyone that takes waste away from your home and is not part of a council service, **it is your responsibility to make sure they are a registered waste carrier.** Typical trades and services that may need to be registered as waste carriers include: builders, carpet fitters, window fitters, kitchen fitters, plumbers, electricians, gardeners and tree surgeons.

How do I know if they are licensed to carry waste?

Ask to see a copy of their **waste carriers registration certificate**, and ask them where your waste is being taken. Legitimate firms should be able to provide you with this information and will not be offended. Make sure they provide you with a registered trading address and contact number and as a precaution make a note of their vehicle registration. You should keep a copy of any paperwork, invoice or flyer as you may be asked to produce this as evidence at a later date. You can check whether your waste carrier is registered by calling the Environment Agency on: **08708 506506** for an instant Waste Carrier Validation Check.

Alternatively you can check the Public Register on the Environment Agency web site: www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Why do we need a householders duty of care?

The duty of care is there to help householders work with the council to combat the blight caused by fly tipping and to ensure rubbish is dealt with properly. If we cut the waste available to fly tippers, we cut out their “business”. Unauthorised waste carriers also undercut legitimate businesses and may even put them out of business.

What are the penalties under the duty of care?

If your waste is found fly tipped, you could be held responsible. Breach of the duty of care is an offence and you could face prosecution and a fine of up to £5,000 if it is proven that you did not take reasonable measures to make sure your waste was passed on to an authorised person. Do not be tempted by “cash in hand” deals, as these could end up costing you a lot more in the long run if your waste is found dumped.