



## Environmental Crime.

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Many waste or environmental issues need to be reported to your local council or other agencies.

### **Incidents you need to report to either a council or utility company**

#### **Noise pollution**

This needs to be reported to your local council. [Find your local council.](#)

#### **Waste and litter**

Litter and waste dumps need to be reported to your local council. [Find your local council.](#)

#### **Fly tipping**

Fly tipping, the dumping of waste, needs to be reported to the local council. [Find your local council.](#)

#### **Pests**

You can contact your council to find out if they offer services to control pests like wasps, rats, mice or bedbugs. [Find your local council.](#)

#### **Discarded syringes or drug paraphernalia**

Your local council will arrange for syringes and drug paraphernalia left in public to be removed. [Find your local council.](#)

#### **Dangerous buildings or structures**

You can report dangerous buildings or structures to your local council. [Find your local council.](#)

#### **Burst water mains**

Who to report this to, your council, the environment agency or the utility company, depends on the circumstances. [Gov.uk](#) gives a useful breakdown of who to contact.

## **Garden bonfires**

There's no law against having a bonfire in your garden, but there are laws on the nuisance they can cause. Find more information on [Gov.uk](#).

## **The Environment Agency - in England only**

Call the Environment Agency incident hotline to report:

- damage or danger to the natural environment
- pollution to water or land
- poaching or illegal fishing
- dead fish or fish gasping for air
- main rivers blocked by a vehicle or fallen tree causing risk of flooding
- flooding from any river, stream, canal, natural spring or the sea
- incidents at Environment Agency-regulated waste sites
- illegal removals from watercourses
- unusual changes in river flow
- collapsed or badly damaged river or canal banks

24-hour incident hotline: [0800 80 70 60](#)

## **If you're in Wales**

Report the incident to [Natural Resources Wales](#).

The Environment Agency deals with contaminated land, radiation, pollution and flood risk. You can find more information about [environmental risk](#).

Find out about licensing and activities to do with [protected species and vulnerable environments](#).

## **Report it to us**

### **Illegal fishing**

Illegal fishing includes:

- fishing on any watercourse without permission
- theft of fish from ponds and canals
- capture of protected glass eels

Call [999](#) if you know these crimes are happening now.

[Report online](#) if the crimes are not happening now.

Contact the Environment Agency for other fishing related incidents like fishing without a licence or using incorrect equipment.

### **Large scale dumping or hazardous waste**

We need to know about large scale illegal dumping (where lorries are being used to dump rubbish), someone running a waste site without a permit or not following the rules of a waste management permit. [Report this online](#).

If you're aware of hazardous waste that's an immediate danger to the public, report it to us straight away by [calling 999](#). If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service 18000 or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the [emergencySMS service](#).