

Press release: Households urged to play their part in tackling waste crime

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An Environment Agency spokesperson, said:

We must all come together to win the fight against waste criminals. We're doing our part with enforcement action and prosecution, whenever necessary. But we cannot do this alone. Households also have a responsibility to ensure their waste is collected by a responsible operator who will not pollute the environment with waste or cost thousands to clear up and make safe.

It's estimated to cost the UK economy £600M every year, the equivalent of a new and fully staffed NHS hospital. More than 850 new illegal waste sites were discovered by the EA in 2016-17. While an average of two illegal waste sites are shut down every day, they continue to create severe problems for local communities and business, particularly in rural areas, as well as posing a risk to key national infrastructure.

To avoid contributing to waste crime, householders are advised to take the following steps:

- Check the waste management operator being used is a registered waste carrier. Registration documents should be available on request and should be inspected before services are rendered. [You can check environmental permits online](#) or call 03708 506506.
- Get a written receipt/transfer note complete with contact details, a description of waste removed and details of where the waste is being taken to.

- Note down the vehicle type, colour and registration number of the vehicle that's taking your waste away.

Report suspected waste crime to the EA incident hotline 0800 807060 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Notice: SN15 2DX, Bromham Biogas Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision for:

- Operator name: Bromham Biogas Limited
- Installation name: Bromham House Farm
- Permit number: EPR/XP3631JX/A001

Official Statistics: Landings of selected shared quota stocks from UK waters: 2012 – 2016

This release contains provisional estimates of landings of some commercial sea fishery quota stocks shared by the UK, non-UK EU member states and, in some cases, Norway.

It is planned that these provisional data will be followed by a more detailed release, covering a wider range of quota stocks, accompanying the UK Sea

Fisheries Statistics 2017 annual publication in September 2018.

Official Statistics: Landings by non-UK EU Member States' fishing vessels from the UK's territorial waters and EEZ: 2012 – 2016

This release contains estimates of the total quantity and value of fish landed by non-UK EU member states' fishing vessels from the UK's territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone between 2012 and 2016.