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The owner or landlord of a property or land is responsible for clearing waste and keeping it in good order.

If this is not done, and there is a build-up of waste that could encourage vermin or spread disease we might be able to force the owner or landlord to clear the rubbish.

If this is not removed then we can clear the area and any costs will then be charged to owner.

Overgrown gardens/Derelict/State of disrepair property

Overgrown private gardens may be unsightly but they do not spread disease.

We can only force someone to cut back trees or bushes if they obstruct a public path or road and are nuisance or a hazard to the public.

If a property that is an eyesore or untidy you should report this to the [planning enforcement](#).

Report a waste issue

Dumped rubbish

If rubbish has been dumped on public land then this should be [reported as fly-tipping](#)

After you report a problem to us

When you report a problem to us this will be forwarded to an environmental protection officer who will inspect the issue within 7 to 10 days. If the complaint is justified, a warning letter will be sent to the owner requesting them to clear up within 7 working days.

If the rubbish isn't cleared a legal notice will be issued enforcing the work to be completed within 7 working days.

If after this time the rubbish still isn't cleared, we will arrange for contractors to remove it as soon as possible, usually within 5 working days and charge the cost to the owner.

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