Dumping rubbish, or fly-tipping, is illegal, dangerous and can be detrimental to the appearance of your neighbourhood.

Fly-tipping is a problem because it:
- Attracts vermin
- Damages the environment
- Discourages communities from taking pride in their area
- Health hazard
- Unsightly

Where appropriate we will investigate fly-tipping offences to take enforcement action against those responsible. A successful prosecution can result in a fine of up to £50,000 and/or 6 months imprisonment.

Fly-tippers cost all council tax payers when the council has to remove the fly-tipped waste. On average it costs us over £300,000 per year to deal with.

Blackpool Council is not responsible for rubbish dumped on private land or un-adopted roads and alleyways. This is the responsibility of the landowner.

Report fly-tipping

When reporting an issue of fly-tipping the following information would help us:
- The date, time and location
- The type of waste and approximately how much there is (e.g., 10 black bin bags, 1 fridge)
- If you have any information about who has dumped the rubbish, such as name of person, address or vehicle involved

If you find illegally dumped waste, please remember:
- Don’t disturb the site in case there is evidence that could lead to catching and prosecuting those responsible
- Don’t touch the waste because it may include toxic chemicals, asbestos or broken glass
- Do not do anything that could put yourself in danger

After you report fly-tipping

Depending on the type and location of the fly-tipping a number of things may happen:
- If the report is on land under Blackpool Council’s control, it will be investigated and cleared. Priority will be given to hazardous waste. Other reports of fly-tipping will be cleared as soon as possible. We aim to clear within 7 working days
- If the report is on un-adopted or private land it will be investigated to see if it causes an environmental concern. We aim to investigate and advise you of the outcome
- If the report is on land that is controlled by Blackpool Coastal Housing then the report will be passed to them to respond to
Recycle responsibly
If you have items that you need to have removed Blackpool Council provides a bulky matters collection service and also has the popular Rover - mobile recycling unit to help.

Additional information
Tip and household waste recycling centre
Rover - Mobile recycling unit
Collection of bulky items