

How can I get rid of waste material?

To protect of the environment, it is important that you make sure that waste from new developments is taken to a site that has planning permission for getting rid of waste and is properly licensed by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. If you are arranging for a contractor to get rid of the waste, you should make sure that the contractor any legal responsibilities contained in the planning permission for your development.

There are many places where you can get rid of waste material legally.

Our civic amenity sites can receive rubble and garden waste, household waste, oil for recycling, batteries, white goods (for example, fridges and washing machines), glass waste and textiles. They are available to public and people using certain vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes.

Other commercial users need a permit to tip rubbish. The permit costs £11.50 and can be collected from the Highways Unit at County Buildings, High Street, Linlithgow EH49 7HD (Phone: 01506 775245) between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30am and 3pm on Friday.

The civic amenity sites are at the following places:

**East Main Street
Blackburn
West Lothian**

**Deans Depot
Nairn Road
Deans Industrial Estate
Livingston
West Lothian**

**Greendykes
Industrial Estate
Broxburn
West Lothian**

**Braehead Road
Linlithgow
West Lothian**

These sites are open from 8.15am to 8pm Monday to Friday during April to September, and 8.15am to 4pm Monday to Friday during October to March.

**Levenseat Quarry
A706
Fauldhouse
West Lothian
Phone: 01501 771185**

**West Lothian Recycling
Addiewell Bing
B792 Road
Addiewell
West Lothian
Phone: 01501 762100**

**Encore (Formerly Transco)
Camps Industrial Estate
East Calder
West Lothian
Phone: 01383 73516**

Also, many private companies who advertise locally and in the 'Yellow Pages' run a waste-disposal service.

It is in your interest to make sure that any company or contractor that you use will get rid of your waste on a licensed site with planning permission.

Remember, it is an offence to dump waste material without permission. To protect the environment of West Lothian, please make sure that you get rid of all waste from your development is properly and legally.

Getting rid of demolition and building waste

A guide for developers



West Lothian
Council

This guide provides advice for developers about how to get rid of waste building materials properly to protect the environment of West Lothian.

Why is this guidance needed?

Every year in West Lothian, thousands of tonnes of waste material are produced as a result of building and demolition work. Development ranging from removing parts of a house to demolishing large factories and other buildings all produce waste that must be removed from the development site. We are becoming more concerned about getting rid of this type of waste material, which in many cases is dumped illegally. We also realise that it is becoming more important to recycle waste products for the general benefit of the environment.

Why is it important to get rid of building waste properly?

Waste material from building work can contain a variety of different materials. If you do not get rid of it properly, there is a risk of pollution. Waste tipped away from proper sites looks unsightly and spoils the appearance of roadside verges and the countryside. It also encourages more people to dump rubbish which, in turn, makes the problem worse. It costs us money to remove rubbish that has been dumped illegally, which has to be passed on to residents and businesses. It is also an offence to get rid of waste material without the permission you need from us and, possibly, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

The waste that is dumped could very often be reused if it is recycled. Bricks and concrete can be crushed and used instead of stone, so less quarrying is needed. Wood can be chipped and used for a variety of purposes. Glass and metal can be recycled and reused. All this helps to protect the environment locally and globally.

Dangerous substances such as asbestos are sometimes contained in building waste. These substances are harmful and need to be removed of very carefully.

We have a wide range of legal responsibilities to control how waste is removed and to take action against those who demolition materials in unauthorised places. We also have powers to monitor developments to make sure that you get rid of waste. If you have recently received planning permission for a development that involves will create waste, that permission will contain conditions about getting rid of the waste. You must follow those conditions. If you do not we may take legal action against you.

What are the legal responsibilities?