

## What is Environmental crime?

Malvern Hills District Council can issue fixed penalty notices for a range of offences including; littering, fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles & dog fouling. These are all examples of environmental crime affecting all areas of the country.

These types of anti-social behaviour affect us all. They drag down the quality of life we should all expect to be able to enjoy; quality is reduced every time you walk past litter, drive past a pile of fly-tipped rubbish or accidentally tread in dog poo.

A fixed penalty notice is a fine issued by the council to an individual or business for a range of offenses as an alternative to prosecution. If a FPN is paid no further action will be taken.

Failure to provide your name and address or to give false contact details is a further offence for which an additional fine of £1,000 maybe imposed upon conviction.

## Who to contact

### Malvern Hills District Council

You can report all types of environmental crime here and apply and pay for things online  
[www.malvern hills.gov.uk](http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk)  
**01684 862151**

For general enquiries about environmental crime please contact the Street Scene Team  
[streetscene@malvern hills.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@malvern hills.gov.uk)

### West Mercia Police

Emergency **999** or  
**101** (national police non-emergency number)

### Neighbourhood Watch

[www.neighbourhoodwatchmalvern hills.org.uk](http://www.neighbourhoodwatchmalvern hills.org.uk)

### CrimeStoppers

An independent charity working to help solve crimes. Give information about crime anonymously  
**0800 555 111**  
[www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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## Environmental Crime



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## Fly-tipping



We've all seen piles of rubbish dumped - old mattresses, TV's, fridges, washing machines, tyres and even builders' rubble. It is illegal and the punishment can be fierce - up to £50,000 fine and a year in prison.

## Untidy Land



The council has powers to deal with privately owned land which has been allowed to become a scruffy eyesore, especially to the detriment of neighbours. A 'Community Protection Warnings/Notices' can be served on the owner of the land requiring it to be cleared of litter or rubbish. Failure to comply can be punished with a £100 fine.

## Man in a van



You employed a man with a van to take your rubbish away and he dumped it in a rural spot out of town. Nothing to do with you, right? Wrong. Your rubbish, your responsibility. You could be liable for a fine - see fly-tipping information above.

- Always check that your man with a van has a waste carriers licence, so you can be sure he is properly authorised. You can check here <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/index>

### Are you the man with the van?

Do you have your waste carrier's licence? Are you properly authorised? If you carrying waste and are unable to produce your licence it will cost you £300.

## Abandoned vehicles



Few things look quite as sinister and intimidating as a parked vehicle which never moves. Vehicles which have been abandoned are unsightly, can encourage crime and can be dangerous.

Report to the Council if you see one <http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/report-it>

We will arrange for it to be taken away and, sometimes, crushed. If we can find out who the owner is he or she could face a £200 fine.

## Littering



Anything a person deliberately discards in the street or public land - food containers, sweet wrappers, cigarette ends/packets and chewing gum. If you don't bin it properly it can be a £75 fine.

## Fly-posting & graffiti



One man's art is another's graffiti - but if it's in the wrong place it's all graffiti. Fly-posting and graffiti are both covered by the Anti-Social Behaviour Act and attract £75 fines. The council will remove un authorised fly-posting from public places.

## Dog fouling/dog control



When a dog's got to go, a dog's got to go! It's up to you as a responsible owner to clean up after your pet. Not only is dog poo unpleasant, it is a health hazard. When children, or indeed anyone, comes into contact with dog poo they risk contracting an illness called toxocariasis which can cause blindness.

Dog owners who are caught not picking up after their dogs will be issued with a fixed penalty notice (FPN) of up to £100 and a £1,000 court fine if they fail to pay.

Guide dogs and people who are physically unable to comply are the only people exempt from the rule.

## Report it

All of these things plus more can be reported to the Street Scene Team  
<http://www.malvern hills.gov.uk/report-it>

We need you to be our eyes and ears, ensuring a safer cleaner Malvern.