



Bonfire Control

Bonfires produce smoke, especially when damp and smouldering. We receive a lot of complaints about smoke, smut, and smell from bonfires. Smoke prevents people from opening windows, enjoying their gardens, hanging out washing, and can reduce visibility on roads.

By following the advice in this factsheet you are less likely to be a nuisance to your neighbours.

Current Bin Arrangements

- Green (recycling) bin – For tins, cans, glass, plastic bottles, paper, cartons and cardboard.
- Grey (food waste) bin – For meat, fish bones, vegetable peelings, tea bags and eggshells.
- Brown (green waste) bin – A chargeable garden waste collection service is available.
- Black (general waste) bin – Anything left over after recycling materials. No garden waste.

Alternative Disposal Methods

Composting

Rather than burning garden waste or disposing of food waste in your dustbin, why not utilise your grey food waste bin or compost your own green waste at home. This produces a useful soil conditioner for your garden and plants and saves money on commercial products. Composting converts waste into a valuable resource and recycles nutrients back into the soil. Remember you need a balance of greens and browns. Problems can occur when too much of one type of material is added.

YES PLEASE!	NO THANKS !
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedding from vegetarian pets e.g. rabbits • Crushed eggshells • Fallen leaves • Fruit and vegetable peelings • Grass or hedge cuttings • Hay and straw • Old flowers, weeds and plants • Shredded paper & card • Teabags and coffee grounds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bones • Cooked food scraps and bread • Dairy products • Diseased plants • Dog or cat litter • Meat and fish scraps • Nappies or used tissues

Shredding

Wood waste can be shredded to make it suitable for composting or mulching.

For information on garden waste collection visit the Garden Waste page on the Council's website or contact Client Services on 01386 565018.

For more information on home composting visit the following websites:

www.wastemissionimpossible.org.uk or www.worcestershire.gov.uk

However if you still feel that a bonfire is the best practicable option for disposing of your rubbish, follow the guidelines overleaf to ensure that you do not cause a nuisance to your neighbours.

Good Bonfire Guide

- Inform your neighbours
- Burn dry material only
- Do not use flammable liquid to encourage a bonfire
- Check weather conditions, damp still days and evenings can cause smoke to stay in the area. Also if windy, the smoke could be blown and cause a nuisance.
- Do not burn household rubbish and items containing plastic, foam, paint, rubber, or bottles and cans as they will explode when burnt
- Try not to burn at weekends or bank holidays
- Never leave a bonfire smouldering or unattended. Fire can spread to fences or buildings and scorch trees and plants
- Always check for hibernating wildlife and sleeping pets, as piles of garden waste are often used as a refuge by animals

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