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## Re: Free resources to help tackle fly-tipping in your communities

Fly-tipping Action Wales writes to let you know of free [printable posters, leaflets and signs](#) available for all organisations affected by fly-tipping. We appreciate that your work as a Community Council involves improving the quality of life for residents, and fly-tipping can have serious adverse effects on people and the environment. We hope you will be able to make use of these resources and let your partners know they are available.

As part of the effort to tackle fly-tipping, Fly-tipping Action Wales runs the **It's Your Duty to Care | Eich Dyletswydd Chi yw Gofalu** campaign. Created in partnership with Welsh Government, the campaign urges householders in Wales to always check for a waste carrier license on the [Natural Resources Wales website](#) before employing any person or company to remove excess waste from their property.

Over 70% of fly-tipped waste in Wales contains unwanted household items and waste, most often, this is the result of a householder unknowingly putting their excess household waste into the hands of a fly-tipper.

Fly-tipping is a serious crime, which poses an immediate threat to the environment, animals, local communities, and our beautiful Welsh landscapes. So, as ever, we are keen to continue working alongside our partners and stakeholders, like yourselves, to help tackle fly-tipping in Wales and to increase public awareness around waste crimes.

If householders do not carry out these necessary checks and their waste is found fly-tipped, they can be fined £300 and risk prosecution for not following their Household Waste Duty of Care.

Furthermore, our campaign coincides with a rising concern (shared by local authorities in Wales), over an increase in illegitimate waste carriers posing as registered household waste removal services on social media. These people often advertise low prices to entice customers

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and dupe people into believing they are licenced services who will dispose of household waste legally and responsibly. In reality, the collected waste is later fly-tipped in fields, country lanes or along roadsides, putting the householder who paid and arranged for the service at risk of being fined £300. Please also see our ['Facebook Fly-tipper Toolkit'](#) for more resources to help tackle this problem in online groups you are a member of.

From ready-to-use social media graphics, social media posts and Duty of Care-themed posters and leaflets to suit a range of locations and purposes, our accessible toolkit is a great opportunity for our partners to help us further spread awareness of Household Waste Duty of Care across Wales.

Plus, many of the leaflet and poster files are also available as editable documents, so you can add your own logo before printing if you wish. All resources are available in both Welsh and English. If you would like free printed resources sent to your community council for an event, please let me know.

With your help and support — we can further increase public awareness of Household Waste Duty of Care, continue to combat fly-tipping in Wales and protect many more people from being scammed by fly-tippers.

Thank you for your help and support. Let's combat fly-tipping together.

Best wishes



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