

CLAMPING DOWN ON



Tougher enforcement

If you are involved in the waste industry at any level, you have a responsibility to act within the law.

The new enforcement measures introduced by the Regulatory Reform (Scotland) Act 2014 will enable us to take a more strategic, proportionate and effective approach to tackling environmental crime.

We will use the full range of enforcement tools available to us to achieve the best outcomes for Scotland's environment and people. The new measures will be phased in during 2016 and we will use them to change the behaviour of offenders.



SEPA support

We will work with you to ensure that you act responsibly whilst operating your waste management business, allowing you to contribute to a flourishing Scottish economy which will benefit all communities in Scotland.

Failure to obey the law could cost you
up to **£40,000** or a **jail sentence**.

Cross-border interventions

The vast majority of operators in the waste industry behave responsibly and comply with regulations. However, the actions of a minority who choose to act outside of the law have an extremely adverse impact on our environment, economy and society.

As the lead agency in the LIFE SMART Waste project, SEPA is working with key partners in the United Kingdom, Europe and beyond to investigate, understand and effectively target waste crime.

We are collaborating with other national environmental regulators, Police Scotland, British Transport Police, HMRC and other key enforcement agencies. This enables us to plan and implement innovative cross-border interventions that will **detect**, **disrupt** and **deter** waste crime activity.

Waste tyres

The law for dealing with waste tyres in Scotland has changed.

The regulations governing the management of waste tyres changed on 30 March 2016. The introduction of the Waste Management Licensing (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2016 means that it is now no longer possible to register exemptions for the storage of waste tyres. A waste management licence from SEPA is now required for the storage or processing of waste tyres.

Key points:

- Tyre fitters must only deal with registered waste carriers and sites that are authorised to accept waste tyres.
- Tyre fitters and registered waste carriers must not use exempt sites after 30 September 2016. If you use them prior to this date, you have a duty to make sure they are compliant with their storage limits. This can be checked with SEPA.
- Failure to obey the law could cost you up to £40,000 or a jail sentence.

Metal theft

We will continue to work closely in partnership with British Transport Police, the metal theft lead for Scotland, during the LIFE SMART Waste project initiative.

Our joint goal is to ensure compliance through the use of existing powers and by utilising the new legislation relating specifically to scrap metal dealers contained within the Air Weapons and Licensing (Scotland) Act 2015 effective from September 2016.

Any contraventions will be dealt with appropriately with the aim of disrupting and detecting individuals and organised groups involved in the commission of acts of metal theft, which continue to blight communities across Scotland.

Contact SEPA

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is Scotland's principal environmental regulator, protecting and improving the environment.

For advice on SEPA's regulatory regimes, visit www.sepa.org.uk.

For all customer enquiries, call 03000 99 66 99

Smarter regulation
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The LIFE SMART Waste project (LIFE13-ENV/UK/000549) is an innovative pan-European partnership between key bodies involved with addressing waste crime.



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Further information about the LIFE SMART Waste project is available at www.lifsmartwaste.com.