

Changes to Household Waste Recycling Centres

From January 2018, we will begin to introduce measures to minimise illegal commercial waste disposal at Fife's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

These measures, which aim to recover costs from commercial users and increase recycling on site, may change how you access the site, and interact with staff.

The measures being introduced are:

- Height barriers
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)
- A Household Waste Declaration Form
- A change to the paper permit system

Commercial users must have a Recycling Permit that allows the registered vehicle to dispose of recyclable waste at our sites.

Note that the current Recycling Permit will continue to be available to commercial users in April 2018.

Commercial waste illegally entering recycling centres puts a burden on local council tax payers. Business misuse also impacts on our ability to provide efficient services. In turn, it is important to monitor and control the use of these facilities.

Height barriers

From January, height barriers will begin to be installed at all of our Recycling Centres. Any vehicle over 1.9 metres will need to stop at the site entrance, until met by a staff member. You may be asked to demonstrate that you have a valid Recycling Permit.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)

In early 2018, we will start to install ANPR technology at all our sites. This captures the registration numbers of vehicles entering our sites, and will highlight suspicious or unusual activity.

Household Waste Declaration Form

If site staff are uncertain about the origins of the waste, they may ask you to fill in a household waste declaration form. To do this, you must provide proof of address e.g. council tax bill or driving license. The information provided on these forms may be investigated.

New permit system

Over the next six months we hope to introduce a new commercial permit system to replace the current paper system. This will be a card system that is scanned upon entry to the HWRCs, demonstrating that the vehicle and user has permission to dispose of recyclable waste at the site. More information will be issued to customers in the coming months.

Fife Council's Recycling Permit is only one option available to commercial customers, and alternative suppliers can be found by visiting www.resourceefficientscotland.com

New policies

From 1 January 2018 we will be implementing a new access policy for household and commercial waste.

The policy will be available on both the Fife Council and Refsol websites.

A copy of this policy will also be issued to all registered commercial customers.

www.fifedirect.org.uk/wasteaware
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