

# Litter and Dog Waste Bins



Litter and dog bins are provided for the general public to use responsibly. They shouldn't be misused, for example to dispose of excess waste from your home. Please allow a few minutes to read this guidance document.

## Dog Bins

Dog waste bins are mainly provided by town and parish councils across Breckland for use by dog walkers to dispose of small amounts of dog waste whilst walking their dogs. Please ensure any dog waste is securely wrapped in a small plastic bag/poop scoop bag.

Dog waste bins are not designed for carrier bags full of dog waste from your garden, this results in them being filled too quickly and overflowing.

### What should I do with dog waste from my garden?

You can place dog waste from your garden into your own green household waste bin, as long as it is securely wrapped. Alternatively if you don't wish to do this, you can take it to a Norfolk County Council recycling centre.

### What should I do if there isn't a dog bin close by?

If you are out walking your dog and there isn't a dog waste bin close by, you can place dog waste (again as long as it is securely wrapped) into a litter bin. If either bin is full or not available then please take it home and dispose of into your own green household waste bin.

## Litter Bins

Litter bins are mainly provided by town and parish councils across Breckland for use by the public to dispose of their litter when they are out and about.

Litter bins should be used for this purpose only. If there isn't a litter bin close by then please take your litter home. Litter bins

should not be used for excess household waste. If you have any excess household waste, this can be taken to the Norfolk County Council recycling centres, please call 0344 800 8004 for information on your nearest recycling centre. Alternatively your household may be eligible for extra waste capacity. Please call 01362 656878 for more information.

## Dog Fouling

### What is the Legislation regarding dog fouling?

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 allows local authorities to designate most public land as poop scoop areas without having to refer to central government. Previously, local authorities had to secure the agreement of central government to create the necessary byelaws. **Under the new Act, failure to clear up on designated land is an offence subject to a maximum fine of £1000.** Local authorities can also give offenders the option of paying a fixed penalty rather than go to Court. The main legislation relating to dog fouling is dealt with under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Part IV). This only applies to England; legislation is slightly different in Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Information from Keep Britain Tidy website. [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org)

## Littering

### What is the legislation regarding littering?

Under section 87 of the 1990 Act it is an offence to throw down, drop or otherwise deposit, and then leave, litter. The offence now applies to all places that are open to the air, including private land and land covered by water. A person found guilty of the litter offence may be fined up to level 4 on the standard scale (currently £2500) in a magistrates' court.

Local authorities can also give offenders the option of paying a fixed penalty notice rather than go to court.

## Contact Details:

For any further information or clarification on this leaflet please contact  
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