

Guide to Waste Disposal



A one stop guide to the different ways you can get rid of your household waste.

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Introduction

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Having trouble keeping up with your household waste? Putting a bit more thought into the way you manage your household waste can help you get more organised. With careful planning, you'll be able to save money, have less impact on the environment and make your property look clean and tidy. When getting rid of your waste, you do have a couple of options.

These tend to be household bins, council tips, charity shops, council collection, skip hire, and an alternative to skip hire service. However, each of these options do have their pro's and con's which we will further look at in this guide.



Household Bins

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There are many pro's and con's to using a traditional household bin and you should always weigh the options before making any decision.

Pro's

- It's easy and convenient for you.
- It's included with your prepaid council tax.
- Your bins are collected once every 2 weeks.

Con's

- You can only put general waste in a household bin. This means no hazardous or construction waste.
- You could quickly use up space in your bin that you require for your general household waste.
- If you miss your bin collection then you will need to wait for an additional 2 weeks.



Should you use a Household Bin?

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Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- 1) Do I need to get rid of my waste immediately? As bin collections are once every 2 weeks.
- 2) What type of waste am I getting rid of?
- 3) Can my waste fit inside my bin?
- 4) Is it safe to go into a household bin?
- 5) Will I have space for my usual household waste?

Donating is the easiest way to get rid of your unwanted items. Finding your local Salvation Army or British Heart Foundation is a good way to start.

Pro's

- It's a great way to get rid of your old/unwanted large items.
- Can offer you a free collection for your old items.
- Your donations help fund the charity.

Con's

- Furniture needs to have the 'fire safe' tag.
- Your clothes, accessories, books, DVDs, home accessories need to be good quality as they will need to be sold.



Could you use a Charity Shop?

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Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- 1) Does the Charity offer a free collection service?
- 2) Are your particular item(s) in a good condition?
- 3) If you are donating furniture, is it fire safe?
- 4) Is your donation going to the cost the charity disposal fees or help them raise funds?



Council Tip

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If you need to clear your house or unwanted items, you can always take it yourself to a local Council Tip.

Pro's

- It's included with your prepaid council tax.
- You can get rid of a variety of waste all in one place from wood and general waste to electrical items.
- The Council Tip recycles most of the waste they receive.

Con's

- It can be difficult to get your waste to the tip if you have a small vehicle.
- Your car could get untidy or damaged because of the waste.
- Hiring a van? Well, you will need to check if your Council Tip accepts commercial vehicles.
- There is often a long wait/queue into the Council Tip



Should you use a council tip?

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Here are some questions to ask yourself before using a council tip:

- 1) Can you get the waste in your car?
- 2) Will it make a mess of your car?
- 3) Have you got a permit with the council to gain access to the tip?
- 4) Do they allow vans in the Council Tip?

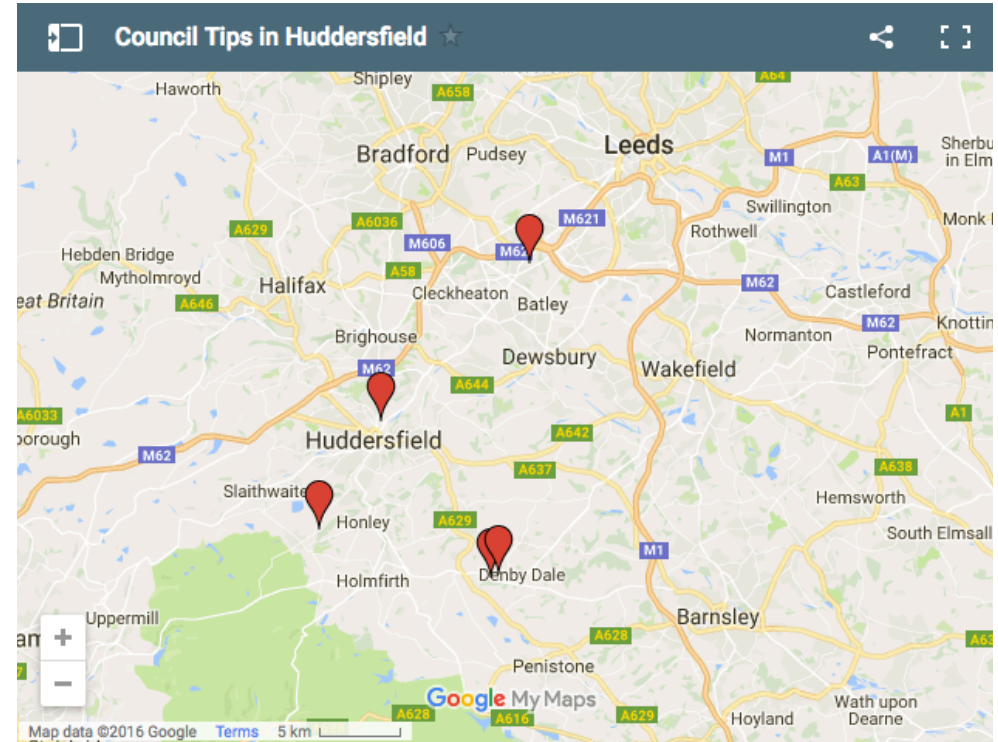


Check your local council

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Before considering using a Council tip or removal service, you should check out your local council's website for regulations and information. It's also worth researching where your local Council Tips are located. However, many households across the UK have expressed their resentment with Council Tips over the past few years.

Introducing new controversial rules and regulations, making it in some ways harder for households to get rid of their waste. Therefore, many people are searching for other alternatives to get rid of their waste like a Skip Hire service.



Most local Councils provide a collection service for your unwanted bulky household items such as furniture, electrical appliances and certain DIY waste.

Pro's

- Can be very cost effective for some items.
- Can collect reusable items from outside your home.
- They will collect your old fridges and freezers.

Con's

- It could take weeks for the council collection to turn up.
- The service will not collect any building waste or car parts.
- You will need to put the waste outside for them to collect which could make your property look untidy.



Should you use a Council Collection?

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Here are some questions to ask yourself before using a council collection:

- 1) Are you able to put the waste outside of your property?
- 2) Do you need to get rid of the waste straight away? A council collection can take weeks to come round.
- 3) Are you getting rid of hazardous or dangerous waste? The council will only come and collect general household waste and furniture.



Why should you choose a Skip Hire Service

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Hiring a skip is a great way to get rid of large amounts of construction, demolition and household waste.

- A cost effective way for getting rid of heavy rubble and soil loads.
- You can get a skip in a variety of sizes depending on your waste.
- Most skip hire companies can recycle your old waste.
- Load as you go—don't have to have piles of rubbish outside of your property.



However, there are a few reasons why you shouldn't hire a skip...

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- You can't put any hazardous waste in a skip, such as – electrical, chemicals, oils, gas bottles, batteries, paint, tins and asbestos.
- If you want the skip on a road, you will need to pay for a road permit.
- It can take a while for the company to collect your skip.
- You may pay more for a skip too big for your needs.
- You may not get a skip big enough and have waste left over.
- You may need to demolish or cut items to size to fit in a skip.
- You have to do the work yourself.



Should you use a Skip Hire Service?

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Before hiring a skip you need to ask yourself these important questions:

- 1) Are you able to carry your waste to the skip?
- 2) Do you need to get rid of your waste straight away? It could take some time for your skip to be collected.
- 3) Do you need a road permit? You will need one if you want to put the skip on the road.
- 4) Do you know what size skip you need? You could end up under or overpaying.
- 5) Will a skip damage your driveway?



Alternative Skip Hire Service

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Hiring a Skip Hire Alternative is a great way to get rid of large amounts of construction, demolition and household waste.

Pro's

- Just show the operatives what's to go and they can move your waste from any location.
- A rubbish removal service does all the lifting and carrying for you.
- You only pay for what they take away.
- No road permit needed with a rubbish removal service.
- All your waste is cut down to fit on the truck for you.
- They can collect a variety of hazardous waste such as electrical, chemicals, oils, gas bottles, batteries etc.

Con's

- Can only take smaller amounts of heavy waste such as soil and builders rubble.



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Should you use an Alternative Skip Hire Service?

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Thinking of using an alternative to skip hire service, here are some typical questions you should ask yourself:

- 1) Would you rather have someone do the hard work for you?
- 2) Do you want your waste loaded and gone? (Or are you happy for it sit in a skip for weeks)
- 3) Is your chosen perspective company fully licensed and insured?





If you have questions get in contact with us and we would be happy to help. We can provide advice on any issues you might have.

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