Check before you light...

Remember, heaps of garden refuse provide a haven for small animals such as hedgehogs.
Take care to keep children away from a bonfire. Supervise burning as much as possible.

Garden waste can be taken to one of the household waste recycling centres which are located at:

- Bar End Road, Winchester;
- Claylands Road, Bishops Waltham;
- Prospect Road, New Alresford.

Opening hours

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Further Information

If you require any further advice or information - please do not hesitate to contact us.

- **By Post**
  
  Environment Division
  Communities Directorate
  Winchester City Council
  City Offices
  Colebrook Street
  Winchester SO23 9LJ

- **By Telephone**
  
  01962 840 222

- **By Fax**
  
  01962 840 586

- **By E Mail**
  
  environment@winchester.gov.uk

- **Or visit our Website**
  
  http://www.winchester.gov.uk

If you know someone who would like this information in another format, please telephone: 01962 848 367

Telephone calls may be recorded

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The Law

Under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, smoke caused by bonfires may be a statutory nuisance and the City Council has powers to take action against those who create a nuisance or allow it to happen. Private individuals are also able to take their own action by complaint to a magistrates’ court.

Bonfires which are on land near to roads and causing an inconvenience or a danger to passers-by can also be an offence under the Highways Act 1980.

What You Should Do

If you have a complaint, it is best to discuss it initially with the person responsible, they may not realise that they are causing a problem. Try to be reasonable, otherwise your discussions are likely to end in further argument.

Explain the details of your complaint and try to agree on a reasonable solution or compromise.

If the situation does not improve, then contact the Environmental Protection team: the telephone number is provided on the back of this leaflet.

Bonfire Guidelines

- Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light a fire.
- If you must light a bonfire, ensure that the material to be burnt is dry. This will minimise the amount of smoke produced.
- Do not light a fire when the weather conditions might cause the smoke to travel into your neighbours’ garden or property.
- Remember that smoke will hang in the air on a damp, windless day and in the evening around sunset.
- Position any bonfire as far away from buildings as possible. Don’t light a fire if the wind will carry the smoke over roads.
- Never leave a fire to smoulder - put it out with water or soil.

- If you have garden rubbish to dispose of, try to compost as much as possible.
- Consider using a shredding machine, which can reduce hardwood materials into a mulch for use on your garden. Shredders can be noisy, so be careful not to replace one nuisance with another.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.