



What You Can Do To Prevent Pollution: Top Tips

Key things *individuals* can do include:

- Reduce car travel – try **walking, cycling, public transport** or home working to reduce pollution from your travel and improve Leicester's air quality.



- **Take waste motor oil or unused paint to the tip** – never pour it down the drain!
There are 2 Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Leicester – Bridge Rd (off Spence Street), Leicester, LE5 3LD and at Freemans Common, Leicester, LE2 7SQ

- Avoid bonfires – **compost your garden waste** or turn larger woody material into a **log pile wildlife habitat**.



Advice on how to make a log shelter can be found at <http://www.wildaboutgardens.org.uk/thingstodo/intwohours/make-a-log-shelter.aspx>

- **Report pollution** to the Noise and Pollution Control Team

Key things *businesses* can do include:

- **Protect watercourses** – get permission from the Environment Agency before releasing used or contaminated water or any liquid into a watercourse, onto land or into a storm drain <https://www.gov.uk/dispose-hazardous-waste>



- Use **oil interceptors** where there is a risk of oil or fuel getting into watercourses through storm drains. Guidance on choosing and using oil interceptors can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/choosing-and-using-oil-separators-ppg3-prevent-pollution>

- **Introduce a Travel Plan** – to reduce pollution from company travel, distribution of goods and employees' travel to work.



- **Follow the Waste Duty of Care** – to make sure your company waste is safely stored and disposed of to prevent it polluting the environment.
<https://www.gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview>
- **Protect air quality**– carefully manage your company's air emissions, such as from **boilers and furnaces** or **vehicles** to minimise pollution and meet legal requirements.
<https://www.gov.uk/preventing-air-pollution>

Remember, **businesses must not use bonfires to burn waste.**



If you require any further advice or information, please contact the Noise and Pollution Control Team on 0116 454 3141 or email us at pollution@leicester.gov.uk

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