THIS AFFECTS YOU!

Van/Pick-up Drivers, Commercial Vehicles, Large Trailer Users, Trade Waste Carriers

All drivers of vans, pick-up trucks or other commercial type vehicles and users of large trailers (greater than 5 feet/1.52 metres long) are not permitted to deposit household waste at this site without a permit. Information on how to obtain a permit and the reasons for introducing this policy are provided overleaf. Please note that this site is only able to receive household waste. Disposal of waste generated by tradespersons or from commercial premises is NOT permitted and is a criminal offence.

For further information contact the Waste Management Team at Northumberland County Council
Tel: 0345 600 6400

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What is the permit scheme?
The permit scheme is a way of residents getting permission to dispose of their own Household Waste and SMALL amounts of their DIY waste and want to use ‘trade type vehicles’. Some examples are: - a van, pick up, landrover with removable canopy, and trailers longer than 5ft (measurement of the outside body not including the hitch).

Who needs a permit?
You will need a permit if you are a driver of one of the type of vehicle as listed above, but see the website for more. You are not allowed to avoid the permit scheme by parking outside the site and carrying the waste in as a pedestrian, due to the risk to your safety. You cannot use a permit with a vehicle which is banned from the site eg. vehicles with more than 4 wheels, trailers longer than 3 Metres, agricultural vehicles, tippers, vehicles greater than 3.5 Tonnes, horse wagons, very large vans/lorries and similar.

Why is there a permit scheme?
Household Waste Recovery Centres (HWRCs) are provided to enable residents to dispose of small quantities of their own bulky household waste. The Council is working with Suez UK Ltd (who manage the sites) to identify residents who attempt to deposit excessive amounts of household waste, business waste or non-household waste.

What are the permit scheme rules?
- The maximum number of permits allowed is 12 per year from any one household
- A limit of 6 cubic yards of DIY type waste per year - some of which are chargeable. See website for more information.
- You are required to describe your waste accurately. Failure to do so may lead to confiscation of the permit and refusal to tip.
- The waste must be from your own home which must be in Northumberland.

How do I apply?
You can apply online at www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste, at one of the council information points or by telephone at 0345 600 6400

How will I receive a permit?
Each permits is unique and can be used once only. You can receive it in one of the following ways.
- The permit can be emailed to you and then you can show the opened message to the site attendant on your mobile phone
- You can print it on paper at home
- You can visit the County Council Information point and ask for a printed copy
- You can request that we post it to you.

What will the permit look like?
The permit will look like the picture opposite The black squares are a unique QR code (similar to a supermarket barcode) which will be scanned by the site attendant. You must present your permit to the site attendant prior to tipping your waste.

How can I get rid of my waste if I can’t have a permit?
If you have used up your allowance of 12 permits in your permit year, you have reached your limit of 6 Cu Yards of DIY waste, you are a business, a landlord, a property developer or have waste which is not your own then there are various options available to you.

Other options:
Charges will apply for all of these.
- Arrange a bulky waste collection through the council Tel: 0345 600 6400
- Ask about a kerbside garden waste bin from the Council for your garden waste. Tel: 0345 600 6400
- Use the Council Trade Waste Service. Tel: 0345 600 6400
- Hire a skip (check yellow pages).
- Use one of the waste bag services available at DIY stores eg. Hippo bags.
- Contact a private waste disposal company and arrange delivery or a collection. EG. Suez UK Ltd Tel: 0191 258 8260 or 0191 512 4300
  Biffa Uk Ltd Tel: 0191 454 7400
  JBT Waste Services 01670 827820