

Litter/Waste Collection and Disposal

All events produce similar types of waste which consist of glass bottles, drink cans, plastic bottles, other plastics and paper/cardboard usually in the form of food containers. Some of these materials can be recycled however the non-recyclable waste will need to be responsibly disposed of.

The event organiser is responsible for ensuring the site is free of litter and waste when the event is finished and the location vacated. He/she has a legal “Duty of Care” to ensure the waste/litter produced at the event is handled and processed in accordance with the law. Any person/contractor engaged to collect and process the waste must have the correct licenses. The event organiser would be held legally responsible for any material that is processed or transported without the proper licenses and documentation in place.

Details on how to comply with the “Duty of Care” responsibilities can be found at the following link:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/40047.aspx>

The Council do not provide a service to collect the waste from an event and therefore the event organiser must ensure adequate arrangements are in place. Waste produced at events is classified as trade waste and cannot be mixed in the normal household waste collections or disposed of at the local household waste recycling centre in Grange Road.

Things to consider in preparation for the event:

- Will traders invited to attend be required to contain and remove their own waste under their own trade waste agreements?
- Who will be responsible for litter picking during/at the end of the event?
- Will those personnel be provided with PPE (personal protective equipment) and litter picking equipment?
- Will containers/litter bins be sourced and located across the event area, how many people are expected to attend the event and how many bins will be required?
- Will a Contractor be employed to remove the waste?
- Can litter bins for recyclable items be provided and the contents removed for reprocessing?
- When will the bins be delivered to the site?
- When will the waste be removed from the site?
- Are there existing litter bins in the area?
- Will access be given to the Council Contractor to service the existing litter/dog bins on site during the event?

Should any event organiser fail to leave a site in a fully cleansed condition immediately after the location is cleared, Gosport Borough Council will invoice the full costs incurred in making arrangements for this to be rectified to the named organiser.