

Smoking Litter and The Law

On July 1st 2007, England introduced a new law to make virtually all enclosed public buildings and workplaces in England smokefree.

Have you considered where your employees and customers are now dropping their cigarette ends? Is it on the street outside your business?

To ensure smoking litter does not become a problem around the district, Warwick District Council can issue the following notices under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and Clean Neighbourhood Act 2005.

- **Street Litter Control Notice**

If there is a lot of cigarette litter on the street outside of your premises you could be issued with this notice. This requires the owner or occupier of the premises to keep the front of the premises, plus a reasonable distance either side clear of litter.

- **Litter Clearing Notice**

Excessive litter on your premises could result in your business being issued with this notice. This requires the owner or occupier of land to clear it of litter.

- **Fixed Penalty Notice**

Your staff and customers could be subject to a fixed penalty notice if caught dropping cigarette litter on the street outside your premises.



Warwick District Council Waste Management

Riverside House, Milverton Hill
Leamington Spa, CV32 5QF
Switchboard. (01926) 450000

Opening hours:

Customer Service Centre

Mon-Thurs: 8am-7pm
Fri: 8am-6pm
Sat: 9am-1pm

Riverside House

Mon-Thurs: 8.45am-5.15pm
Fri: 8.45am-4.45pm

Warwickshire Direct - Kenilworth

Mon & Thurs: 9am-7pm
Tues & Fri: 9am-5.30pm
Wed: 10.30am-5.30pm
Sat: 9am-4pm

Warwick Connection

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri: 9am-5.30pm
Thurs: 10am-5.30pm

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Where possible, information can be made available in other formats, including large print, cassette tape, CD and other languages if required. Tel. 01926 456338.

Smoking Related Litter

A guide for businesses



For more information please contact

The Waste Management Team

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What Can You Do?

Your business may be subject to financial penalties if you fail to clean up litter dropped by staff and customers smoking outside of your premises.

Below are some ideas that could help your business avoid these potentially costly penalties.

- Place cigarette dedicated litter bins outside your business
- Provide enough litter bins for staff and customers
- Ensure bins are of a sufficient size and are emptied regularly
- Provide portable ashtrays for staff use
- Have regular clean-ups including front and rear of premises, car parks and service areas. This can be as simple as sweeping whenever necessary
- Encourage a litter-conscious attitude and code of conduct amongst staff at all levels

For further advice please contact the Waste Management Team.



What Warwick District Council can do for you

Warwick District Council will provide help, support and advice to businesses free of charge.

On request Warwick District Council will:

- Provide businesses with free, educational, posters for display in windows and doorways
- Advise businesses on their responsibilities and help them in planning cleaning and maintenance schedules
- Provide information and advice on suppliers of ashtrays and portable ashtrays

For more information please contact the Waste Management Team



For More Information

If you would like more information on smoking related litter and how it affects your business, there is further free information available

DEFRA

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

www.defra.gov.uk

ENCAMS

An Environmental Charity that runs the 'Keep Britain Tidy' Campaign

www.encams.org

SMOKEFREE ENGLAND

The Official Website for Smokefree England 2007

www.smokefreeengland.co.uk

Freephone telephone: 0800 169 169

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Further information on Smoking Related Litter

www.warwickdc.gov.uk/smoking

