

58609 Littering Enforcement, Fly-tipping and Litter Bin Statistics

I would like to request the following information:

Littering Fines

Do you issue fines for littering? (YES/NO)

Yes

If so, at what level do you levy fines?

£80.00

Enforcement & Statistics

Do you use an in-house team or a private enforcement company to issue fines for littering?

In-house

How many Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for littering did you issue in 2024/2025 (to date)?

One Fixed Penalty Notice has been issued for littering between 1 January 2024 and 16 November 2025.

How many Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for car parking did you issue in 2024/2025 (to date)?

From 1 January 2024 to 16 November 2025, inclusive, 346,206 Parking Tickets have been issued in Edinburgh.

Litter Bins

How many litter bins do you have in your council area now?

2,840 litter bins.

How many litter bins did you have 10 years ago (2014/2015)?

Have you removed any litter bins in the past 10 years, and if so, how many?

We only have accurate data on bin numbers from December 2023 as a result of a litter bin audit.

As of 2023 there were 2,770 bins on our asset database. There is no accurate data recorded in relation to the number of bins removed in the past ten years.

Litter Clearance Costs

What was your annual spending on litter clearance in 2024/2025 compared to 2014/2015?

We would be looking to have a figure that is specific about litter on the streets including, employee costs and equipment.

This information is not separately recorded. The Street Cleaning budget includes litter removal, litter bin servicing, fly-tipping removal, graffiti and fly-posting removal and street washing.

Please note that this letter constitutes a formal notice under regulation 13 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004.

Fly-tipping

Q11. How many people did you catch fly-tipping in 2024?

A11. None

How many FPNs did you issue for fly-tipping in 2024?

The City of Edinburgh Council does not issue FPNs specifically for fly-tipping. They are recorded and issued as Domestic or Trade Waste offences.

How many of the FPNs issued for fly-tipping were paid?

Not applicable. Please refer to A11 above.

How many people did you prosecute for fly-tipping in court in 2024?

None

How many of the court prosecutions resulted in a custodial sentence for fly-tipping?

Not applicable

What is the standard FPN fine you issued for fly-tipping?

Not applicable. Please refer to A11 above.

How many vehicles did you seize and destroy that had been used for fly-tipping?

None