

BONFIRE CODE OF PRACTICE



ASHFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bonfire safety and guidance information

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990

This Code of Practice is intended to provide guidance to enable you to keep the possibility of causing a nuisance to a minimum.

Ashford Borough Council does **NOT** recommend burning green garden or other waste as a form of disposal.

Green garden waste **cannot** be disposed of in your grey refuse bin OR your green recycling bins.

We recommend the following methods for disposing of your green waste:

- Composting garden waste where possible
- Apply to Ashford Borough Council for the optional fortnightly garden recycling collection. The brown garden bin costs £30 (pro-rata) and can be shared with neighbours, or you can order more than one bin. Call **01233 331111** for more details or visit:
www.ashford.gov.uk/gardenrecycling
- Take extra waste to the KCC Recycling Centre at Cobbs Wood Industrial Estate, Ashford. (see the back of this leaflet for opening times)
- Ensure your gardener or any building contractors remove the waste as part of their agreed chargeable services.

IF THERE IS NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE:

The number of bonfires you burn should be kept to a minimum and you should always follow the 'Good Practice' guidelines.

- Ideally bonfires should only be allowed to burn between sunset and 10pm.
- Only burn green waste when it is completely dry so it burns quickly and causes minimum of smoke.
- You should ascertain the wind direction and try to burn when the wind will carry the smoke **AWAY** from neighbouring houses. You should notify neighbours of your intention so that they may close windows or remove washing from clothes lines.
- Avoid burning on hot and humid evenings.
- Once lit, the bonfire should be kept under supervision and should be completely extinguished before being left.

DO NOT BURN plastic, rubber, foam filled furnishings or wet materials due to the risk of dark smoke and offensive fumes.

DO NOT BURN furnishing material and household refuse, as many of the constituent materials are unsuitable for burning.

Ashford Borough Council operates a service for the removal of bulky household refuse.

Enquiries for this service should be directed to 01233 331111.



The Code of Practice for garden bonfires does not exclude any person from their legal liabilities under Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Anyone lighting a bonfire should ensure that no nuisance or danger is caused to neighbours by smoke, burning particles or odour, and that the bonfire is sited so that it reduces the likelihood of nuisance.

Cobbs Wood Waste and Recycling Centre

Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday:

8.00am – 4.30pm

Sunday:

9.00am – 4.00pm

Ashford Borough Council

For further information on bonfires, please contact the Environmental Protection Section at Ashford Borough Council on: 01233 330645 or 01233 330319

Emergency's

In the event of an emergency please contact the emergency services by dialing 999 and asking for the FIRE SERVICE

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