

Thurrock Council Vehicle Seizure Notice

Control of Waste (Dealing with Seized Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015

We have the power to seize a vehicle, trailer or mobile plant and their contents without a warrant, if we suspect it is being, or will be used in the waste crimes such as fly-tipping.

When we can seize a vehicle?

We will seize a vehicle if we suspect it has been:

- used to illegally dump waste (fly-tipping) in a way that could cause pollution to the environment or harm to human health
- driven by someone not registered as a waste carrier
- used to transfer waste to someone not registered as a waste carrier
- used at a site that is breaking the rules of an environmental permit.

Vehicles we have seized

We must make information about the vehicles we seize available to the public for at least 15 days. Notices are displayed on our Website:

<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/vehicles-suspected-of-waste-crime/overview>

Seized vehicle:

Seized on:

Place of Seizure:

The vehicle was seized under the powers contained in:

Section 34 Environmental Protection Act 1990

Section 5 Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989

The seizure authority is: **Thurrock Council, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, RM17 6SL**

Claim your vehicle

Claims must be submitted by no later than

To claim your vehicle you must be the legal owner of the vehicle. To prove this you must send a copy of:

- the V5C vehicle registration document in your name with your correct address
- the current certificate of motor insurance in your name with your correct address.
- proof of identity (e.g. valid photo card driving licence or passport) and
- proof of address (e.g. two different utility bills in the applicant's name no older than three months).

The documents must be emailed to; Enforcementservice@thurrock.gov.uk or by post to Environmental Enforcement, Oliver Close, West Thurrock, RM20 3ED along with a covering letter explaining that your wish to claim the vehicle which has been seized.

If you are claiming as an agent, you must provide proof of authority to act on behalf of your principal, and provide your own identification documents.

If we require further proof of legal ownership, we will notify you within 1 working day. Any further proof must be received within 2 working days from receipt of the request. We will tell you whether we agree you are the legal owner or not within 3 working days of receiving your proof of ownership.

If we decide not to investigate further or prosecute, you will have 10 working days to collect your vehicle. We will inform you where you can collect your vehicle from.

YOU MUST ALSO BRING THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WHEN TO COME TO COLLECT THE VEHICLE.

If we decide to investigate or prosecute

We can keep your vehicle in storage for up to 15 working days if we need to investigate an offence. We may keep it longer to continue an investigation or we decide to prosecute.

If our investigation shows that your vehicle was used for a waste crime, you are at risk of being prosecuted.

The local authority may sell, destroy or otherwise dispose of seized property where a seizure notice has been published and served in accordance with regulations and in accordance with regulation 21 of the above regulations if the vehicle is not claimed in the claim period, or if a claimant who brought such a claim is not determined as entitled.