



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 102

Compost fires

Query and Response:

Please provide data for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2025 relating to fire incidents involving:

1. Domestic compost bins, compost heaps, or decomposing organic material.

Please see the attached excel document (FOI 26 102 – Compost Fires), Compost tab for the information we hold in relation to this part of your request.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) has used the incident narrative from our system to look for *Compost*. This narrative includes all types, as the majority are outside. As a result, we do not have a *Domestic* classification, therefore we do not hold this information.

2. Fires caused by sunlight reflection or concentration (for example, involving mirrors, glass objects, or magnifying effects within households).

DWFRS looked for a cause of *Natural Occurrence* within our Incident Reporting System (IRS) and then looked into the detail to find any that matched. Please see the Sunlight tab within the attached for the information we hold.

Where possible, please can you also provide information on:

- The recorded cause of fire (e.g. accidental, deliberate, electrical, or other classification used)
- Incident type (primary or secondary fire)
- Any available data on property damage or spread of fire

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 19, May 2026