



Freedom of Information Request FOI 26 161

Fires at Waste Sites

Query:

The information requested relates to three periods:

- 1 April 2024-31 March 2025
- 1 April 2025- 31 March 26, and
- 1 April 2026 – 31 July 2026.

The information requested is the number of fires in your area at permitted and non-permitted waste management sites and waste carrying vehicles , including but not limited to:

Permitted sites:

- Household waste recycling centres
- Civic amenity sites
- Landfill sites
- Waste transfer stations
- Materials recycling facilities
- Waste storage sites
- Energy from waste facilities
- Composting sites
- Anaerobic digestion sites
- Automotive Dismantlers
- Scrap Metal Dealers
- Other waste sites not listed

Unpermitted Sites:

- Unpermitted Household waste recycling centres
- Unpermitted Civic amenity sites
- Unpermitted Landfill sites
- Unpermitted Waste transfer stations
- Unpermitted Materials recycling facilities
- Unpermitted Waste storage sites
- Unpermitted Energy from waste facilities
- Unpermitted Composting sites
- Unpermitted Anaerobic digestion sites
- Unpermitted Automotive Dismantlers
- Unpermitted Scrap Metal Dealers
- Fly tipped waste
- Any other relevant waste site

Vehicles:

- Refuse collection vehicles (either local authority or otherwise)
- Bulk waste carrying vehicles



Response:

You requested information in relation to permitted and non-permitted waste management sites. This information is not held; we do not record if a waste management site is permitted or not.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) does not routinely categorise incidents using the property types specified in your request. Therefore, we have searched our Incident Recording System (IRS) for fire incidents involving the following property types:

- Building/Non Residential/Industrial Processing/Recycling
- Building/Non Residential/Warehouses and bulk storage/Waste
- Outdoor/Other outdoors (including land)/Landfill site
- Outdoor/Outdoor structures/Refuse/rubbish tip

We have also searched for the following using the narrative log:

- BIN LORRY
- BIN TRUCK
- RUBBISH LORRY
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	1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025	1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026	1st April 2026 – 31st July 2026
Household Waste Recycling Centres	2	0	1
Landfill Sites	1	0	0
Waste Transfer Stations	0	2	2
Materials Recycling Facilities	6	3	5
Waste Vehicles			
Refuse Collection Vehicles (either Local Authority or otherwise)	7	8	4

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 28, August 2026