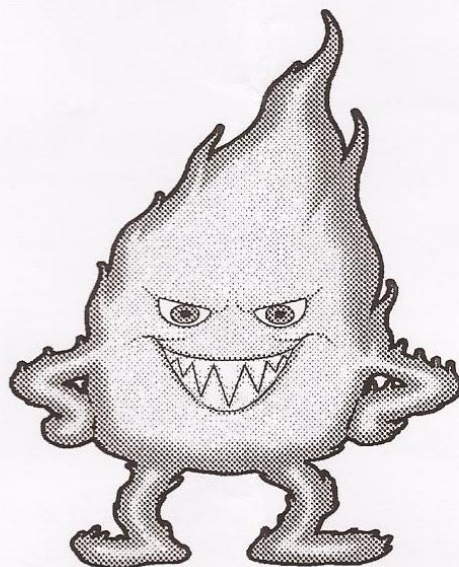




ASHFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

BONFIRES



A CODE OF PRACTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

For further information please contact the Environmental
Protection Section of Environmental Services on
01233 330645 or 01233 330571

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 of green garden or other waste. Alternative forms of disposal for green waste include:-

For large amounts:

1. Asking your gardener to remove the waste as part of their service.
2. Taking green waste to the KCC Recycling Centre at Cobbs Wood Industrial Estate, Ashford (see back page for opening times).
3. Composting as much garden waste as possible.
4. If you are in an area with the green waste collection service, leave bags of garden waste open so the collectors can check the contents.

For smaller amounts:

1. Two sack loads of soft leaf garden waste, i.e. grass cuttings and weeds, may be disposed of with your normal household refuse.

If there is no other alternative:

The number of bonfires should be kept to a minimum and the following 'Good Practice' is recommended to anyone contemplating having a bonfire:

- a) Ideally bonfires should only be allowed to burn between sunset and 10.00 pm.

- b) Only burn green waste when it is completely dry so it burns quickly and causes minimum smoke.
- c) You should ascertain the prevailing wind direction and try to burn when the wind will carry the smoke **AWAY** from neighbouring houses. It is advisable to notify neighbours of your intention so that they may close windows or remove washing from clothes lines.
- d) Avoid burning on hot and humid evenings.
- e) The bonfire, once lit, 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.

The 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 80 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. Anyone lighting a bonfire should ensure that no nuisance is caused to neighbours by smoke, burning particles or odour and that the bonfire is sited so that it reduces the likelihood of nuisance.

KCC Recycling Times

Telephone 01233 631534

All householders are responsible for ensuring their waste is disposed of under the new Duty of Care regulations and passed to authorised carriers only. Householders should check that waste carriers other than the Council who remove household, garden and construction waste have an Environment Agency waste carrier number. If they are not registered do not use the service. If they claim to be registered call the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 and request an instant Waste Carrier Validation Check or check on line at environment-agency.gov.uk/publicregister. If fly tipped rubbish is traced back to the household it came from, the householder rather than the waste carrier could be fined up to £5000.

Monday – Friday	8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Saturday	8.00 am – 4.30 pm
Sunday	9.00 am – 4.00 pm

