

Commitment to Safe Disposal of Waste Policy

Evergreen Lawn Care

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At Evergreen Lawn Care, we recognise the environmental impact that improper disposal of garden and lawn care waste can have on the planet. We are committed to implementing safe, responsible, and environmentally-friendly waste management practices across all our operations. Our policy ensures compliance with all UK waste disposal regulations, promotes sustainability, and protects the natural beauty of the areas we serve.

Our Commitment

We are dedicated to:

- Ensuring all waste generated from our lawn care and garden maintenance services is disposed of safely and responsibly, in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
- Minimising waste at the source by adopting sustainable practices and promoting the reuse and recycling of materials wherever possible.
- Reducing our environmental footprint by using eco-friendly products and encouraging biodiversity and soil health.

Waste Disposal Principles

To uphold our commitment, we follow these key principles:

1. Compliance with UK Waste Regulations

We strictly comply with all UK legislation, including the *Environmental Protection Act 1990*, *Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011*, and any other applicable local authority regulations. This includes correct handling, transportation, and disposal of both organic and non-organic waste.

2. Sustainable Waste Management Practices

We adopt sustainable waste management practices, aiming to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill. Wherever possible, we segregate waste into recyclable, compostable, and non-recyclable categories. This includes:

- Composting organic waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and plant matter to promote soil enrichment and reduce landfill usage.
- Recycling materials like plastics, packaging, and other recyclable products.
- Ensuring safe disposal of hazardous materials, such as chemicals, in accordance with legal requirements and best practices.

3. Minimising Use of Harmful Substances

We carefully select eco-friendly products and materials that have a minimal environmental impact wherever possible. By using biodegradable and non-toxic products, we aim to reduce the amount of hazardous waste requiring special disposal.

4. Proper Handling of Hazardous Waste

Any waste classified as hazardous, such as pesticide containers, chemical residues, or other harmful materials, is handled by trained personnel and disposed of through certified waste carriers. We maintain full records of hazardous waste disposal to ensure traceability and compliance with UK hazardous waste regulations.

5. Waste Reduction and Reuse Initiatives

We actively work to reduce waste generation by:

- o Offering mulching services that convert grass clippings and leaves into natural fertilisers.
- o Reusing materials like garden stakes, pots, or soil where possible in garden projects.
- o Avoiding the use of single-use plastics and encouraging the use of long-lasting, recyclable products.

Training and Awareness

Our team receive regular training on waste management and disposal procedures, ensuring they understand the importance of environmentally-friendly practices. This includes training on the proper handling, storage, and disposal of different types of waste to minimise environmental harm.

Partnering with Licensed Waste Carriers

We ensure that any third-party waste carriers we partner with for the transportation and disposal of waste are fully licensed and compliant with the relevant UK waste management regulations. We only work with responsible partners who share our commitment to sustainable practices.

Continuous Improvement

At Evergreen Lawn Care, we are constantly striving to improve our waste disposal processes and reduce our environmental impact. We regularly review our practices and policies to ensure they remain up-to-date with the latest regulations and best practices. We also seek to introduce new methods for reducing, reusing, and recycling waste wherever possible.

Monitoring and Reporting

We monitor our waste generation and disposal practices to ensure compliance and identify areas for improvement. We maintain accurate records of all waste disposed of, especially hazardous waste, and conduct internal audits to ensure our procedures are effective and aligned with legal requirements.

Responsibility and Accountability

Our team is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and are accountable for adhering to the guidelines outlined in this document, and we expect our suppliers and partners to uphold the same high standards.

Review

This policy is reviewed annually or as required by changes in legislation, technology, or industry standards, to ensure it continues to reflect best practices in waste management and environmental protection.

At *Evergreen Lawn Care*, we take our responsibility to the environment seriously. Through careful waste disposal and sustainable practices, we aim to contribute to a cleaner, greener future while providing the highest quality lawn care and garden maintenance services.

For more information or to discuss our waste management practices, please contact us at enquiries@evergreenlawncare.co.uk.

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