

UK LITTER LAW

Quick Guide for the Layman

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
ALL AUTHORITIES & THEIR
CONTRACTORS



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INTRODUCTION

Contrary to public belief, Councils, Highways & Relevant Authorities/ Duty Bodies in Britain are not cash strapped when it comes to maintaining clean & safe standards.

Billions in tax-payers money is allocated to agreed budgets that are in place to maintain set standards that are THE LAW known as their Statutory Duty.

Multiple Freedom of Information (FOI) Requests reveal that high value, multi-year contracts are awarded to large firms & contractors who are making big profits for “under-performance”.

This unacceptable practice is under the supervision and knowledge of public sector managers & supervisors where typical salaries range from £70k to £120k per annum plus bonus and who remain unreachable and unaccountable to the public for their continued failure.

The result is a broken Britain.

**The following pages are extracts
from the legally binding and
governing laws and codes of
practice to be adhered to by all
authorities that are responsible
for Litter Standards in the United
Kingdom**

STATUTORY DUTY

Section 89(1) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 places a duty on certain bodies to ensure that their land (or land for which they are responsible) is, so far as is practicable, kept clear of litter and refuse

Who do these duties affect?

4.1 The duty bodies are:

- Principal litter authorities;
- Appropriate Crown authorities;
- Designated statutory undertakers;
- Governing Bodies of designated educational institutions;
 - Local Authorities as respects any relevant highway for which they are responsible; and
- The Secretary of State as respects any trunk road that is a special road and any other relevant highway or road for which he is responsible;

Visual Standards from the governing Litter Code of Practice

Set A: litter and refuse in both relevant highway and hard surface setting



Grade A
No litter or refuse



Grade C
Widespread distribution of litter and/or refuse with minor accumulations



Grade B
Predominately free of litter and refuse apart from some small items



Grade D
Heavily affected by litter and/or refuse with significant accumulations

Set B: litter and refuse in a soft surface setting



Grade A
No litter or refuse



Grade B
Predominately free of litter and refuse apart from some small items

Visual Standards from the governing Litter Code of Practice

Set C: principles of detritus grading in a relevant highway setting



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Grade C

Widespread distribution of litter and/or refuse with minor accumulations



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Grade A

No detritus



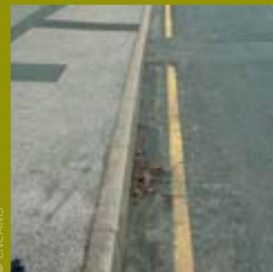
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Grade C

Widespread distribution of detritus with minor accumulations



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Grade D

Heavily affected by litter and/or refuse with significant accumulations



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Grade B

Predominantly free of detritus except for some light scattering



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Grade D

Heavily affected by detritus with significant accumulations

When Grade A (*the minimum acceptable standard*) is not in place, the authority must address the situation within these timeframes

Response times:

High intensity of use	Medium intensity of use	Low intensity of use	Special circumstances
<p>1/2 a day</p> <p>This means by 6pm if reported before 1pm or by 1pm the next duty day if reported between 1pm and 6pm on the previous day</p>	<p>1 day</p> <p>This means by 6pm the following evening</p>	<p>14 days</p>	<p>28 days or as soon as reasonably practicable</p>

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BREACH OF STATUTORY DUTY BY AUTHORITY





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