

TOP POLLUTION CONTROL TIPS

To reduce noise at home:

- Carry out noisy DIY and gardening jobs during the work.
- Keep the volume of TV, radio and music as low as possible especially at night.
- If your dog barks when left alone, arrange to leave it with a friend.
- If you have a party tell your neighbours before hand and keep noise as low as possible.
- If using fire works, apply for a licence and tell neighbours before you use them especially if they have pets.

To reduce air pollution:

- Use a bike or walk instead of a car for short journeys.
- Service your car regularly.
- Car share to work or on shopping trips.
- Never burn household rubbish tyres, or anything containing plastic.
- Reduce energy consumption by switching off lights, not wasting hot water, avoid overheating rooms and only boil the amount of water you need to make a cup of tea.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR ADVICE
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Health and Safety at Work:

District Councils and the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland (HSENI) share responsibility for securing health and safety at work standards in Northern Ireland.

Consumer Protection:

District Councils are responsible for enforcing regulations protecting the consumer and others against the risk of injury or ill health from non-compliant goods manufactured, supplied or in use.

Food Safety:

District Councils are responsible for ensuring the safety of food at all stages of production, from storage to distribution and sale.

Public Health, Housing & Regulatory Services:

District Councils are responsible for protecting the public by undertaking a range of duties relating to public health, housing and regulatory services (licensing, dog warden, litter warden and pest control).

Partnership Working:

District Councils work in partnership with the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to improve the health and well-being of our communities.

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General Information

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DELIVERING THE NEW PUBLIC HEALTH AGENDA

District Councils are responsible for preventing and controlling air, soil and noise pollution.

WHAT DISTRICT COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS DO TO CONTROL POLLUTION

- ✓ Investigate complaints about air pollution, land contamination, odour and noise arising from either business or domestic activities.
- ✓ Raise awareness of environmental protection issues such as noise dust, odours and air quality.
- ✓ Regulate emissions of pollutants to air from premises.
- ✓ Issue authorisations and permits to operators, which control air pollution from certain types of business and industry.
- ✓ In certain circumstances deal with fly tipping of waste.
- ✓ Litter wardens operate in some District Councils and can issue fixed penalty notices to those who litter.

- ✓ Provide advice and support to business and the public in relation to environmental protection issues.
- ✓ Liase with the Planning Service about planning applications which could cause pollution or be subject to pollution.
- ✓ Monitor and manage local air quality and where necessary draw up action plans, in consultation with the public, government and business, which set out how air quality can be improved.
- ✓ Provide information on radon gas in dwellings.
- ✓ Where necessary, we can take enforcement action to ensure compliance with laws to protect the environment.



CASE STUDIES

CASE STUDY 1: A man has been fined £10,000 and ordered to pay £225 in costs for creating a noise nuisance. He was described in court as a 'plague'. He was convicted of defying noise abatement notices served on him by his local council. His neighbours reported him, some claiming to be suffering from ill health caused by his music. The court was told that a woman living in the same street as the man had become a 'virtual prisoner' in her own home because of the deafening music.

CASE STUDY 2: A pub landlady whose dog barked 'more or less continuously' for a year, was prosecuted for breaching a noise abatement notice, served by the council, on 12 separate occasions. The woman was ordered to pay £600 costs to the council.

FACT: The average number of days with moderate or higher air pollution has decreased significantly in urban areas since 1993, largely because of a reduction in particles and sulphur dioxide.

(source: DEFRA, 2004).

Delivering the New Public Health Agenda