



## COULD NOT BE BOTHERED TO TAKE MY WASTE BACK HOME

<p><b>WHAT HAPPENED?</b></p>	<p>A householder in Slough pleaded guilty to an offence of dumping household waste illegally. She explained that she had excess household waste and said there had been no household waste collection between Christmas and New Year. She had driven the waste (seven black bags) herself hoping to use the recycling site at Langley, but had found it shut as it was during the evening after work. She admitted depositing the waste at the roadside further down Trenches Lane.</p>
<p><b>OUTCOME</b></p>	<p>Magistrates fined the householder £1,216, and ordered clean-up and prosecution costs to be paid in the sum of £485. A victim surcharge of £121 was also levied- making a total to pay of £1,822.</p>
<p><b>CONTEXT</b></p>	<p>All of Buckinghamshire's household recycling centres are open every day of the year except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. No charge is made for householders dealing with their own household waste.</p>
<p><b>WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?</b></p>	<p>Local authorities put opening hours of their recycling centres on their websites, residents should check that their nearest centre will be open before they embark on a journey, especially if it involves a large amount of waste. If the facility is not open when you get there your waste should be driven back to your premises and taken when the facility is next open.</p>