



ROGUE TRADER DUMPS HOUSEHOLDER'S WASTE

WHAT HAPPENED?	A Newport householder was caught out when he did not check the person offering to take his waste away. He told Newport City Council officers he had been carrying out work on his property when he was approached by a man with a white van and a trailer, who said he would take away rubbish for £50. Although he said the man had told him he had a permit, he was unable to back this up. Unfortunately for the householder the rogue trader illegally dumped it in Chapel Road, Nash.
OUTCOME	The householder pleaded guilty to breaching the Environmental Protection Act by knowingly causing controlled waste to be dumped without a permit and failing to ensure the rubbish was handed over to an authorised person. The court handed him a two-year conditional discharge, reduced from three years for his early guilty plea, and ordered him to pay council costs of £561.24 and a victim surcharge of £20.
CONTEXT	Anyone who carries waste needs to have a registered waste carriers licence issued by the environmental regulator. This can be checked on the environmental regulator's website as part of the public register.
WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?	Waste has to be carried by a registered waste carrier and deposited at a permitted or exempt facility that is permitted or exempted to take the waste.