



Effects of waste crime on farmlands

Fly-tipping - the illegal dumping of waste

It has several detrimental effects on farms and the surrounding rural environment.





Farm Pollution:



Dumped waste can release harmful chemicals and pollutants into the farm soil and agricultural water sources, contaminating the environment and potentially entering the food chain.

This can harm wildlife and plant life and affect human health.





Financial Costs:



Farmers frequently face substantial financial strain from the costly disposal of illegally dumped waste, which can be a significant burden.

The expenses can quickly escalate, especially when the waste includes hazardous materials that require specialised removal and handling.





Operational Disruption:



Fly-tipping on farm tracks or entrances can block access for machinery, vehicles, and deliveries.

This obstruction hampers the ability to perform routine tasks such as planting, harvesting, and transporting goods, leading to delays and operational inefficiencies.





Health and Safety Risks:



Sharp objects, broken glass, and other dangerous materials can pose a risk to farmers, workers, and livestock, leading to injuries.

Rotting organic waste can also attract vermin and pests, which may carry diseases that can spread to livestock or humans.