



BEWARE OF BOGUS WASTE COLLECTORS

These days there are many companies offering a door-to-door collection service for your bag of clothes, shoes, etc. that you can leave outside your house on a particular day for collection. Did you ever stop to consider the flyers that come through your letter box advertising these collections?

Sometime these textile collections are by unauthorised collectors for bogus charities.

Too often, many of the textiles left out for collection by householders end up in the landfill because the bogus collectors remove the “best” items from the bags. These are then exported for re-sale in Eastern European countries while the remainder of the bag is dumped. Householders should realise that their act of charity may result in textiles ending up in a landfill rather than in the hands of a reputable charity.

The public are advised that only licensed collectors should be used and it is the householder’s responsibility when leaving out the bag for collection to ensure that the collector has a valid licence. If in doubt, the safest thing to do is to use waste collectors known to them, or give to a local charity.

The County Council would encourage all householders to donate their textiles to a local charity shop such as NCBI (formerly Mrs. Quin’s), Enable Ireland, Sue Ryder, Barnardos, Oxfam, St. Vincent de Paul, etc. This way you can ensure that the items are going to a worthy cause. Alternatively, the public can use the textile banks that are located at County Council Bring Bank sites across the County as these are serviced by licensed collectors.

Details of all holders of valid Waste Collection Permits can be viewed on the National Waste Collection Permit Office (NWCPO) Website at www.nwcpo.ie or contact the Environment Section of the Council at customerservices@tipperarycoco.ie or on 0761 06 5000 if you have any query.