

Statement from Braintree D C



Please do not burn your garden waste.

We know it's difficult with the Essex Recycling Centres for Household Waste closed and garden waste collections suspended, but in view of the health implications linked to Coronavirus (COVID-19) (respiratory condition), **PLEASE DO NOT BURN your garden waste, or any other waste.**

Smoke from bonfires is anti-social and can cause problems for neighbours.

We will investigate any complaints we receive and will take formal action where appropriate. The surrounding local air quality can be affected from increased burning and problems may arise for people such as those with asthma, other breathing related illnesses and children (who are particularly vulnerable to air pollutants).

[Essex County Fire and Rescue Service](#) is also requesting that you do not burn waste as there has been a 100% increase in call-outs mostly caused by fires which have got out of control.

Please home compost your garden waste or store it in your garden until collections are resumed. Please do not fly-tip any waste as this is an offence and offenders will be prosecuted.

- Find out how to make great compost and other useful tips, visit Love Essex: [lovesessex.org](https://www.lovesessex.org)
- For bonfire help and advice, visit braintree.gov.uk/bonfires

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Please be considerate to your neighbours during the coronavirus outbreak.

Be safe, be thoughtful, be kind, be sensible.