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Free bulky waste collections that aim to reduce fly-tipping and encourage responsible waste disposal will be trialled in the city from December.

The three month trial is being launched by Peterborough City Council as part of the wider #LovePeterborough campaign and will take place from 11 December 2017 to 9 March 2018.

Initially the council will make more than 1,000 free collections during the first month of the trial with a daily limit of up to 52 households. Across the second and third months a daily limit of 26 collections will be in place, although uptake will be monitored and this limit could be increased based on demand.

This trial is limited to one free collection per household on a first come first served basis. The collection will be for up to 10 items, including mattresses, fridge freezers, white goods and furniture.

Residents will be able to phone Peterborough Direct on 01733 747474 to book a free bulky waste collection from Monday 4 December until 5 March. If the daily limit has not already been filled then the collection will take place on the householder's next scheduled bin day as long as the items are by their bins by 6.45am.

Evidence will be collected to assess the impact the trial has on the number of fly-tipping incidents which will then be reviewed by councillors later in 2018.

Councillor Gavin Elsey, cabinet member for waste and street scene, said: "Fly-tipping is unacceptable. As well as costing the council and city money, it also represents a very real fire and public health risk and has a negative impact on the pride that residents have in their neighbourhoods.

"The trial will mean hundreds of households can benefit from free bulky waste collections to help them dispose of their waste responsibly over the Christmas period and into the new year.

"By introducing this free bulky waste trial we are playing our part in tidying up the city's streets, but we need residents and businesses to help too. We're also asking for all members of the public to alert us quickly of fly-tipping incidents by dialling 01733 747474 or reporting online via our website."

Alternatively residents can visit the Household Recycling Centre in Dogsthorpe to dispose of any waste and recycling.

More information on the free bulky waste trial can be found on our [website](#).