**How to report an incident or damage in relation**

**to the environment or countryside**

To report an environmental or countryside incident or suspected damage being done:

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| See the source image | Any ongoing water pollution incidents please call immediately any time, day or night, the water pollution hotline 0800 80 70 60  Non urgent water pollution issues can be reported to the following email address: [emergency-pollution@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:emergency-pollution@daera-ni.gov.uk) |

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| See the source image | All other incidents please call on 0300 2007 842 and ask for ‘Whistleblower’ |

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|  | **SEND AN EMAIL:**  [crosscompliancewhistleblowers@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:crosscompliancewhistleblowers@daera-ni.gov.uk) |

**Information we need**

To enable us to deal with your report as quickly as possible, please provide the following details:

•Where is/was the incident taking place? Please provide a grid reference if possible. Otherwise, you should try to provide as accurate directions / descriptions of the location as possible.

•What is/was happening?

•Who do you think is/was responsible for the incident?

•When approximately did the incident take place?

**Types of Incidents we deal with**

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| Damage or danger to the natural environment or countryside. |
| Damage to landscape features (dry stone walls, ditches or sheughs,  hedgerows, including trees in hedgerows and earth banks) including infilling or laying drainage pipes in open ditches or sheughs. |
| Injury, damage or danger to birds or animals. |
| Damage or danger to bird’s habitat. |
| Suspected illegal hedge, tree or scrub cutting (including trimming, laying and coppicing between 1 March and 31 August. |
| Ploughing between harvest and 15 January inclusive. |
| Burning of heather, gorse, whin or fern from 15 April to 31 August. |
| Pollution of water or land. |
| Suspected alterations to watercourses made without our consent (e.g. dredging, straightening, impounding or works to the bank or bed). |
| Unusual drops in river flow. |
| Application of organic manures, including slurry, poultry litter, sewage, sludge, abattoir waste and farmyard manure between 15 October and 31 January. |
| Application of chemical fertilizer from 15 September to 31 January. |
| Damage to Sites of Special Scientific Interest, damage within a Special Protection Area (SPA) or damage within a Special Area of Conservation (SAC). |
| Large scale dumping of waste, including certain hazardous waste. |
| Illegal waste sites. |
| Illegal activities relating to certain invasive non-native species (invasive alien species) (keeping, breeding, use or exchange, sell or advertise, allow to grow, cultivate or permit to reproduce, release into the environment or transport (except for eradication purposes)). |