



Regulatory Services Pollution Control Team

Noise - Guidance

If your premises has been reported for excessive noise, and you feel there may be some substance to the report, there are several courses of action that you may wish to consider. What follows is general advice only. Whether you can undertake noisy activities without causing a problem is a matter of good judgement, timing and location.

Building works, DIY, using machinery, working on cars, craft hobbies, social gatherings, dogs & other pets, playing stereos, radios or TV's loudly, door slamming, impact noise, washing machines, vacuum cleaners and gardening activities can all cause noise. Examples of how to minimise noise emissions could include;

- Arranging heavy and noisy works for when your immediate neighbours are out/away.
- Use machinery (including washing machines, vacuum cleaners and power tools) during reasonable hours and not for prolonged periods. Try to avoid Sundays & bank holidays.
- When working don't create unnecessary noise e.g. shouting, singing & playing music loudly. Turn machines off when not in use.
- Work on vehicles in a garage where possible.
- Give at least a weeks notice to neighbours of any significant social gatherings such as parties or BBQs and make sure they end, calm down or move inside at a reasonable hour. Encourage visitors to park sensibly and leave considerately.
- Train dogs not to bark, keep dogs inside in the day.
- Take full responsibility for your pets and animals.
- If you share party walls, fit door closers to heavy or frequently used doors to prevent slamming. Don't pound on the stairs.
- Play amplified sound at reasonable levels and at reasonable hours, use headphones or induction loop systems if you are hard of hearing or wish to listen to something played loud.
- Use fireworks sensibly.