

Love your rubbish – if you don't give it due care and consideration, you could end up much poorer, and a criminal to boot, warns Jason Mohr, Britain's king of waste carriers, the founder of AnyJunk.

With rubbish disposal in the spotlight as some local authorities start charging at tips, Mr Mohr said that as head of the country's largest on-demand rubbish clearance company he was constantly being questioned about the regulations and legalities of dumping junk.

"It's all about a 'duty of care', whether you're dealing with trade waste or household rubbish," he explained. "Simply put, this means you are obliged by law to get rid of your rubbish responsibly."

Mr Mohr said everyone with trash to dispose of should be aware they should comply with five key requirements:

Store and transport waste securely and safely without risk to others or the environment.

If you hire a third party to remove or transfer waste, they must be licensed waste carriers.

Waste must only be disposed of at facilities that are licensed to receive it.

If you transfer commercial waste to another party this must be recorded as a waste transfer note, which should be kept for at least two years.

If you transport building or demolition waste (this includes the waste generated by refurbishment) you must be registered as a waste carrier with the Environment Agency.

"These rules don't only apply to businesses – householders have the same duty of care when it comes to transferring or disposing of waste," said Mr Mohr. "Don't give up your junk to anyone who is not lawfully authorised to handle it."

The penalty for "breaching your duty of care" towards your junk is a fine up to the statutory maximum of £5,000 on summary conviction, and an unlimited fine on conviction on indictment. That irresponsibly dealt with rubbish can leave you with a criminal record, and seriously out of pocket.

"Of course you can avoid having to be concerned about any of these regulations by simply calling an expert, reliable, environmentally-aware and professional rubbish clearing service, such as AnyJunk," said Mr Mohr. "We handle all the messy details – literally – and you can have every confidence that your rubbish will be cleared with the utmost care."

If you require any further information, please get in touch.