

NEW WASTE PAPER ORDER QUIZThe Questions You Want Answered

The public is asking numerous questions in regard to the new Salvage of Waste Paper order, which comes into force next Monday.

Under the Order it is a punishable offence to burn or destroy waste paper or cardboard, throw it away, dispose of it otherwise than to a collector or buyer, put it in a refuse bin, or mix it with refuse.

It is, however, permissible to burn private or confidential documents.

To help the public to interpret the Order correctly and reasonably the Salvage and Recovery Board of the Ministry of Supply has issued the following New Order Quiz:-

1. Q. What is the penalty?

A. In a case in a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, £100 or three months or both; on indictment, £500 or two years or both.

2. Q. If people continue to throw away paper in the streets, how is the penalty to be imposed?

A. It is difficult to break people of bad habits. If they throw away paper in the streets they must remember that they will be liable to prosecution, but it is hoped that this new Order will make people realise how essential it is for every piece of paper to be saved, and act as a deterrent.

There is another point the public should remember: cleaner streets will save the labour of local councils.

3. Q. If I leave a newspaper in a railway carriage or a cigarette carton in a public house, am I liable for prosecution?

A. No. It will be collected by the Railway Company or by the public house as part of their salvage collection, but please put it on the railway seat or public house counter. Do not throw it on the floor.

4. Q. Who will know whether I throw paper on the fire at home?

A. You, and anyone else in the room who sees you do it. You will be committing an offence not only against the Order but against the war effort.

5. Q. If paper must not be mixed with rubbish, who will report me if I contravene the regulations?

A. The collector will notice if you do mix your paper with refuse and will remind you about the Order. If you consistently do it, it will be the duty of the collector to report you to the authorities.

6. Q. There have been complaints in the past that while householders have put out their salvage, the Local Authorities have not collected it. What has been done to make collection services more efficient?

A. All of the larger Local Authorities are subject to a direction to maintain an efficient service for the collection of salvage.

Every Local Authority has recently been asked to appoint a Salvage Committee where none was in existence before, and has also been asked to appoint Salvage Stewards.

There is no doubt that Salvage collection generally is far more **efficient** now than formerly.

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7. Q. There have been complaints in the past about dustmen mixing salvage which the householder has kept separate. What will be done to prevent this?
- A. The Order applies to collectors as well as to other persons. If it comes to the notice of the Authorities that the dustmen are mixing paper with refuse, those dustmen will be liable to prosecution.
8. Q. Is there any provision in the Order against hoarding paper?
- A. No, but it is against the spirit of the Order and to hoard paper increases your fire risk.
9. Q. What happens if I drop my bus ticket on the floor of the bus instead of putting it in the container?
- A. Probably nothing, but it is hoped that the public will co-operate and put their tickets in the receptacle and so ensure that the paper is recovered in a clean condition.
10. Q. What is meant by destroying paper?
- A. Burning it or otherwise rendering it irrecoverable for re-pulping.
11. Q. I understand that greasy paper is no use for salvage. What do I do with it?
- A. Use it for lighting your fires.
12. Q. The Order permits the burning of secret or confidential documents - is a letter that I do not wish anyone else to see **included** in this?
- A. Yes - anything that is of a strictly personal nature may be regarded as private and confidential. It does not mean only legal documents and such like - though most letters can be torn up and put in the waste paper basket for salvage.