

# CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE GUIDE

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## A SIMPLE GUIDE TO DUTY OF CARE

This guide will help you with your duty of care for your construction and demolition waste.

### WHAT IS WASTE?

Any material or item which you, or your business, have no further use for and wish to be removed. It might be capable of repair or re-use but you are discarding it.

### HOW SHOULD I MOVE MY WASTE?

Your waste carrier or waste contractor will arrange the movement of your waste. If you intend to move it yourself you will need to be registered as a waste carrier. Each waste stream will have its own requirement for transport and will need to be addressed separately.

### WHAT IS MY DUTY OF CARE?

By law, since 1990, it has been a responsibility of "any commercial activity" - whether run from home or its own premises - to manage the waste it produces safely and responsibly.

### COMMON CONSTRUCTION WASTE



#### CONSTRUCTION WASTE

eg plasterboard, wood, rubble and soils



#### OFFICE WASTE

eg paper, packaging, IT and electrical waste



#### PRODUCTION WASTE

eg off-cuts, shavings

**Hazardous waste will have to be compliant with the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and be accompanied by a consignment note.**

## HOW CAN I TELL IF MY WASTE IS HAZARDOUS?

**DOES IT HAVE A DESCRIPTION OR SYMBOL** on the goods?

**CHECK** the relevant need to know guide

**ASK THE SUPPLIER** of the goods

**CHECK THE GUIDANCE**  
[www.gov.uk/dispose-hazardous-waste/overview](http://www.gov.uk/dispose-hazardous-waste/overview)

If your waste is hazardous then it needs to be dealt with by a specialist waste company. **Remember, don't mix hazardous and non-hazardous wastes together!**

## IF YOUR WASTE IS NON-HAZARDOUS, CAN IT BE...?



#### RE-USED?

can the material be re-purposed?



#### REPAIRED?

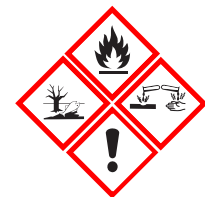
Search the internet for local repair services or contact your network of suppliers.



#### RECYCLED

Is it part of your waste contractor's normal recycling service? If not, contact them to find out how else they can help.

**If not, it needs to be disposed of correctly.**



**HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
batteries, acid, oils, some light bulbs etc

**Hazardous waste must be kept separate from non-hazardous waste**

## HOW DO I STORE IT BEFORE COLLECTION?

#### ENSURE

it's stored and labeled properly so nothing can escape such as litter, liquids or odour.

#### PREVENT ACCESS

to it by others, eg in a locked bin or secured compound.

#### IN SPECIALISED CONTAINERS

if required eg hygiene waste, liquid waste or hazardous waste.

#### IF IN DOUBT

ask your waste contractor first, then your Environment Agency office or local authority.



You should not be burning any waste on a construction site without permission from the Environment Agency/regulator

# WHO DOES DUTY OF CARE APPLY TO?

It applies to everyone who produces or manages waste.



## WHEN DOES DUTY OF CARE APPLY?

Your duty of care starts from the moment you produce the waste. It continues even when you give it to a licensed waste business to deal with, until it is recovered or disposed of.

You're still responsible to check how that business deals with your waste. If you suspect your waste carrier is not following the duty of care law you should report it.

**Call the Environment Agency hotline 0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service)**  
**Report online at [www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/give-information-online/)**

## WHAT MUST I KNOW ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS WITH MY WASTE?

### WHERE IT'S GONE

Licensed landfill, Energy from Waste and recycling centres – Are they permitted to take my waste?



### HOW IT'S COLLECTED, TRANSPORTED, TREATED

Will it be managed in line with the waste hierarchy?



### IS ALL THE PAPERWORK COMPLETE?

Waste Transfer Note and Consignment Note



## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

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