

Good Waste Guide

Waste and your responsibilities

We appreciate that most people are responsible and hope to improve our environmental situation. We imagine that you want to stay within the law by handing over your waste to compliant environmental companies.

Reading this, you are starting to understand your liability for waste removal, and the impact of your decisions of who you chose to clear your waste. Acting on this information, you will be operating lawfully, as well as benefiting our environment.

Not everyone knows their vital role in waste management. Here are some facts to make it easier for you to deal with your waste and to select the right contractor.

What is waste?

Anything you discard, intend to discard, or are required to discard.



What is your legal responsibility?

If you are using a waste company, you are legally obligated to ensure that they are disposing of your waste responsibly. Selecting a non-authorized waste carrier can result in a fine (up to £10,000) and even criminal conviction.

How do you choose the right contractor?

1 How risky is waste management?

You want the best and the safest! Bringing a contractor into your premises could carry a range of risks to you, the building and others.

A good contractor:

- Does their utmost to eliminate all risks
- Adheres to certain management standards such as ISO 9001 as well as 14001
- Carries out their work under an approved Health & Safety Management system and provides risk assessments for the work if required
- Holds certain accreditations to prove their credibility such as CHAS or Safe-Contractor





2 Is the contractor compliant with waste disposal regulations?

Your duty of care is to ensure that your waste is disposed of properly, so you have a responsibility when hiring a company to work for you.

The company you hire should:

- Be licensed by the Environment Agency.
- Provide you with all necessary paperwork – including a Waste Transfer Note for all waste clearances and additionally Consignment Notes for hazardous waste.
- Document the audit trail of the waste and be open about the process of disposal; if need be provide the recycling and re-use figures.

3 Does the contractor come recommended?

For this you could:

- Check the contractor's credentials by looking up their history
- See who is involved
- Seek out testimonials or references from other clients for similar work



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4 Is the contractor insured?

To work at your premises, a contractor should be insured, so they are fully liable for any errors or incidents.

- Public liability insurance
- Employer's liability insurance
- Vehicle insurance

Enviro Waste's Public Liability insurance cover is £5,000,000
Employers Liability insurance cover is £10,000,000.



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