

Waste Management – Advice for Tendering Contractors

Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) – Segregation of Waste Materials

All waste must be segregated where practicable on site and all contractors are required to comply with the segregation process detailed on site. The following waste streams may be subject to segregation on site;

Waste Stream
Active – Non-compactable waste only
Inert – Non-compactable inert waste only
Plasterboard
Light weight compactable
Hazardous
Wood

Waste Carriers Licence

All contractors removing waste from site must hold a valid Waste Carriers Licence (WCL) which must be available on site at all times. A matrix of carriers provided by one of our approved brokers is acceptable. This includes WCL for all sub-contractors removing waste from site including spoil, portable toilet waste and road sweepings.

Duty of Care – Waste Materials

All waste must be appropriately identified and stored on site and covered to prevent uncontrolled release. Skips must not be allowed to overspill and disposal areas kept clean and tidy.

Waste must only be transferred to an authorised person capable and permitted/licensed to deal with the type of waste product.

Waste Transfer Notes (WTN)

A waste transfer note must be created for each load of waste that leaves site.

For repetitive transfers of non-hazardous waste a season ticket can be utilised for up to 12 months. They can only be used where the parties involved in each transfer are the same and where the description of waste transferred remains the same.

All waste transfer notes must describe the quantity and types of the waste being transferred, detail the appropriate waste code (EWC code) and include a description of the particular waste stream. They must also indicate that the hierarchy for control has been applied for the waste.

General descriptions such as 'general waste' or 'inert waste' are not acceptable. It is our requirement as producers to ensure the description is accurate.

The waste transfer note must also record how the waste is contained /packaged, when it is transferred, where it will go and whom it was transferred to i.e. waste carrier details including waste carriers registration number.

Both the waste carrier and a responsible person on site who has checked the detail on the transfer note must sign the waste transfer note

Copies of the waste transfer note(s) must be maintained for two years. These need forwarding to the divisional offices.

Other Potentially Hazardous Waste

Where products carry the following hazard warning symbols they will be deemed hazardous and may require special means of disposal. There are other substances, which will be deemed hazardous but these are the most common found on our sites



Harmful or
Irritant



Oxidising



Corrosive



Toxic



Harmful to the
Environment



Flammable

Disposal of Hazardous Waste

All developments have a facility for managing hazardous waste. Where practicable tins and tubes must be fully discharged to remove their hazardous properties, and therefore disposal can take place within other waste streams. All hazardous waste must be transferred to a licensed carrier using a consignment note to track its movement.

Paint Tins –

If the paint tin is emptied completely and any remaining residue is left to dry or harden then the material is not hazardous and can be disposed of as non-hazardous. (If the paint has any toxic properties then it must be disposed as hazardous waste)

Mastic Tubes –

If a mastic tube is fully discharged and any remaining material hardens then the tube is deemed non-hazardous and can be disposed accordingly.

Resin tins or aerosols –

Part used resin tins and aerosols displaying one of the hazardous warning signs must be treated as hazardous even if it is empty.