



Disposing of trade waste?

Get it right



Do you know there are strict laws about how trade waste can be stored, recycled and disposed of?

The legislation applies to all traders and businesses, but 56% of UK companies are not fully complying with waste disposal regulations.

This guide will help local traders and businesses understand their responsibilities in order to recycle and dispose of trade waste legally, safely and in the best way for the environment.

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Your legal responsibilities

Under the duty of care legislation (Environmental Protection Act 1990), traders and businesses have a responsibility to recycle and dispose of their waste in the right way and do what they can to reduce the amount of waste produced.

You must:

- ✔ Keep waste to a minimum by doing everything you reasonably can to prevent, reuse, recycle or recover waste
- ✔ Complete a waste transfer note for each load of waste that leaves your premises
- ✔ Sort and store waste safely and securely
- ✔ Check if your waste carrier is registered to dispose of waste
- ✔ Not allow the waste carrier to dispose of your waste illegally

You have extra responsibilities if you're dealing with hazardous waste, such as asbestos or chemicals.

You can find out more information about the legislation and your responsibilities as a business by visiting www.gov.uk and searching '*duty of care*'.

You can also find further advice and guidance at www.rightwasterightplace.com



Do I need a waste carrier licence?

If you carry waste from your business, you must be registered with the Environment Agency and have a waste carrier licence.

You must register if you do any of these things as part of your business:

- ✔ **Transport waste**
- ✔ **Buy, sell or dispose of waste**
- ✔ **Arrange for someone else to buy, sell or dispose of waste**

If you carry out building work for a householder, you must remove the waste you produce, include the charge for waste disposal in the job and pay for disposal at a permitted facility.

To register for a licence, visit www.gov.uk and search '*waste carrier licence*'.

You can be fined up to £5,000 if you don't register.

What counts as trade waste?

Waste that comes from any commercial activity or business is classified as trade waste. All businesses produce waste and need to pay for its disposal.

Trade waste includes:

- ✔ **Any waste produced by tradespeople or builders carrying out work on domestic or commercial properties**
- ✔ **Any waste that comes from commercial activity – including trade, sport, recreation, education**
- ✔ **Waste from premises which are used for business – such as homes, offices, shops, warehouses**

Trade waste also includes any waste that comes from:

- ✔ **Construction**
- ✔ **Demolition**
- ✔ **Industry**
- ✔ **Agriculture**

Can I use a household waste recycling centre?

No. It is illegal to dispose of trade or business waste at any of our household waste recycling centres. Household waste recycling centres are for residents only, to dispose of their household waste.

Environmental crime

We take environmental crime very seriously and will investigate any suspected illegal use of our household waste recycling centres by traders or other businesses, supported by the police, Environment Agency and local authorities.

Prosecution will be sought where businesses are found to be disposing of waste illegally, including fly tipping. Fly tipping is a serious criminal offence for which you can be prosecuted. If convicted, you could face an unlimited fine or imprisonment of up to five years.

Access restrictions

We have introduced enhanced automatic number plate recognition systems and new access restrictions at all our household waste recycling centres to help us monitor visitors and identify and investigate illegal use of these facilities.

Traders identified as disposing of trade waste illegally will be banned from using all our household waste recycling centres with immediate effect, and your details will be passed on to our other sites and the relevant authorities.

Residents can dispose of their own household waste at household waste recycling centres using their trade/business vehicles, subject to height restrictions and close monitoring of the waste by household waste recycling centre staff.



How to recycle and dispose of trade waste

SUEZ operates seven licensed waste facilities with a weighbridge where you can safely and legally dispose of waste.

Facility opening times	Types of business waste NOT accepted
Arkwright Street, Oldham OL9 9LZ Monday to Friday: 7.00am – 6.00pm Saturday and Sunday: 7.00am – 5.00pm Bank holidays: 7.00am – 6.00pm	✗ Asbestos ✗ Garden waste ✗ Wood ✗ Rubble ✗ Confidential paper waste
Bayley Street, Stalybridge SK15 1PZ Monday to Friday: 7.00am – 5.00pm Saturday: 7.00am – 1.00pm Sunday: Closed Bank holidays: 7.00am – 5.00pm	✗ Asbestos ✗ Fridges ✗ TVs and monitors ✗ Small electrical items ✗ Garden waste ✗ Rubble ✗ Wood ✗ Confidential paper waste
Chichester Street, Rochdale OL16 2AU Monday to Friday: 7.00am – 6.00pm Saturday and Sunday: 7.00am – 5.00pm Bank holidays: 7.00am – 6.00pm	✗ Asbestos ✗ Fridges ✗ TVs and monitors ✗ Small electrical items ✗ Confidential paper waste
Cobden Street, Salford M6 6NA Monday to Friday: 7.00am – 5.00pm Saturday: 7.00am – 1.00pm Sunday: Closed Bank holidays: 7.00am – 5.00pm	✗ Asbestos ✗ Fridges ✗ TVs and monitors ✗ Small electrical items ✗ Garden waste ✗ Rubble ✗ Confidential paper waste
Every Street, Bury BL9 5BE Monday to Friday: 7.30am – 5.00pm Saturday: 8.00am – 1.00pm Sunday: Closed Bank holidays: 10.00am – 5.00pm	✗ Asbestos ✗ Fridges ✗ TVs and monitors ✗ Small electrical items ✗ Garden waste ✗ Rubble ✗ Wood ✗ Confidential paper waste
Longley Lane, Sharston M22 4RQ Monday to Friday: 7.00am – 6.00pm Saturday and Sunday: 7.00am – 5.00pm Bank holidays: 7.00am – 6.00pm	✗ Asbestos ✗ Lamps ✗ Paper and card ✗ Confidential paper waste
Salford Road, Bolton BL5 1DG Monday to Saturday: 7.00am – 5.00pm Sunday and bank holidays: 10.00am – 4.00pm	✗ Asbestos ✗ Fridges ✗ TVs and monitors ✗ Small electrical items ✗ Confidential paper waste

All facilities are closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

How much does it cost?

Disposing of business waste is chargeable. You will need to pay the following fees for the material you deposit, plus £1.85 every 12 months for a duty of care notice for each site you use.

You can pay by credit or debit card, including contactless.

Category	Unit of measure	Price (ex.VAT)	Min price (500kg)
Confiscated items	Tonne	£473.50	£236.75
Cathode-ray tubes	Each	£6.82	–
Fridges	Each	£25	–
General	Tonne	£161.19	£80.60
Glazed UPVC	Tonne	£161.19	£80.60
Green	Tonne	£78.72	£39.36
Gypsum/plasterboard	Tonne	£161.19	£80.60
Hardcore	Tonne	£38.81	£19.41
Lamps	Each	£0.98	–
Packaging	Tonne	£161.19	£80.60
Paper/cardboard	Tonne	Free	Free
Plastic	Tonne	£178.11	£89.06
Polystyrene	Tonne	£522.66	£261.33
Scrap metal	Tonne	Free	Free
Trade confidential	Tonne	£481.19	£240.60
Unglazed UPVC	Tonne	£161.19	£80.60
Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)	Tonne	£60.59	£30.30
Wood	Tonne	£95.34	£47.67

Prices valid until 31 March 2020

Health and safety

Personal protective equipment must be worn when taking your business waste to one of our licensed waste facilities.



This includes:

- ✔ High visibility jacket
- ✔ Protective footwear
- ✔ Safety helmet
- ✔ Protective gloves

Setting up a commercial waste collection

As well as using licensed waste facilities, traders and businesses can dispose of their waste legally by setting up a commercial waste collection from their home, business premises or other location, such as a residential property where you are carrying out work. You must use an authorised waste carrier.

There are many businesses offering commercial waste collections across Greater Manchester. Most offer one-off and regular collections, and many offer smaller scale bin bag collection and recycling as well as skips and containers for collection of large quantities and bulkier items.

You can find out more about companies offering commercial waste collection services in your area by visiting www.dsposal.co.uk or searching for local providers online.

Some local councils in Greater Manchester also offer commercial waste collection services. Check your local authority's website for more details.

Important information for traders and businesses

It is illegal to dispose of trade or business waste at any of our household waste recycling centres. Household waste recycling centres are only for residents to dispose of their household waste.

To dispose of trade or business waste legally, you must follow duty of care legislation:

- ✔ **Provide a waste transfer note for every load that leaves your premises.**
- ✔ **Take waste to a licensed waste facility or use a commercial waste collection service. This will be chargeable.**
- ✔ **Make sure you or your waste collection service are registered to dispose of commercial waste.**

SUEZ operates seven licensed waste facilities with a weighbridge where you can safely and legally dispose of trade or business waste. Full details of these sites can be found at www.recycleforgreatermanchester.com/business

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We take environmental crime very seriously and will investigate any suspected illegal use of our household waste recycling centres by traders or other businesses, supported by the police, Environment Agency and local authorities.

We will seek prosecution where businesses are found to be disposing of waste illegally.

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