

Waste Materials Guidebook

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Introduction

Do you know what type of waste you're producing?
This guide includes the most common waste streams
that our customers produce, with descriptions and EWC
Codes for each of the waste streams.

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For more information please get in touch with us:

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General Waste

General waste materials are a mixture of non-recyclable and recyclable waste materials that aren't segregated. General Waste is brought into a Materials Recycling Facility for segregation to recover and recyclable materials. If your site is planning to segregate your recyclable materials then please refer to page 4-5 for more information about these.



Household/ General Waste

Description

Plastics, food wrappers, containers, mixed packaging such as bubble wrap and clingfilm, textiles etc. Minimum food waste.

EWC Code

20 03 01



Furniture

Description

Chairs, tables, chest of drawers, bed frames (if these are wood/metal). No electrical items (WEEE waste) as this must be segregated - see page 7.

EWC Code

20 03 07



Food Waste

Description

General food waste including eggs, pasta, leftover food, tea bags and coffee grounds, meat and fish, dairy products, fruits and vegetables. No liquids.

EWC Code

20 03 08

Recyclates

Segregating your recyclable materials can reduce disposal costs and reduce contamination of non-recyclable waste. This can help to improve your landfill diversion rates by ensuring more of your materials are recycled.



Cardboard

Description

Clean, dry cardboard with no contamination, food residue or rubble dust. Cardboard has more value when collected separately.

EWC Code

20 01 01



Mixed Rigid Plastics

Description

Clean rigid plastics i.e. bread/cake trays, drink crates, wheelie bins (castors removed) and HOPE. No films, polystyrene, strapping, food trays or PVC.

EWC Code

20 01 39



HDPE Bottles

Description

Clean HOPE natural bottles. Must be empty and washed out.

EWC Code

20 01 39



Mixed Bottles

Description

Clean HOPE natural bottles and PET drinks bottles. Must be empty and washed out.

EWC Code

20 01 39



Mixed Cans

Description

Clean steel and/or aluminium cans. Must be empty and washed out.

EWC Code

20 01 40



Mixed Cans & Bottles

Description

Clean, metal cans and plastic bottles only. Must be empty and no contamination of other materials.

EWC Code

15 01 06



LDPE Film

Description

Clean, dry polythene film - clear and coloured. Grade 98/2 only. Other grades are based on market conditions and may be classed as general waste.

EWC Code

20 01 39



Mixed Card & Film

Description

Clean, dry cardboard and large sortable pieces of LOPE film.

EWC Code

15 01 06



Glass

Description

Clean, empty glass bottles and/or jars. Metal/plastic collars and labels are accepted. Small amounts of contamination are accepted but not liquids.

EWC Code

20 01 02



Dry Mixed Recycling [DMR]

Description

Plastic bottles, mixed cans, clean, dry cardboard. Clingfilm and shrink wrap. No food residues, liquids or contamination.

EWC Code

15 01 06

Construction Waste

Our waste services cover many of the waste materials generated by construction sites, who benefit from our skip hire services. Many construction sites do find better results by segregating waste materials - resulting in cost savings and environmental benefits. However if waste segregation isn't ideal for your site then you have the option to choose either a Mixed Construction load for recyclable materials, or a General Waste load if your materials are not all recyclable.



Hardcore

Description

Heavier building materials such as bricks, concrete and ceramic tiles.

EWC Code

17 01 07



Mixed Inert

Description

Soils, stone and sand. Tarmac over 6 months old. Can also include bricks, concrete and ceramic tiles.

EWC Code

17 05 04



Wood

Description

Grades A-C only. No sawdust and no contamination with other waste materials.

EWC Code

17 02 01



Metal

Description

Segregated from other waste materials with no contamination.

EWC Code

17 04 07



Plasterboard

Description

Plasterboard must be clean and separate from other materials for appropriate disposal. Cannot be contaminated or foil backed.

EWC Code

17 08 02



Green Waste

Description

No soil and no roots or trunks over 20 inches

EWC Code

20 02 01



Mixed Construction

Description

Glass [non-laminated/shatterproof], PVC windows and frames, sheet glass, hardcore, inert, wood, metal, cardboard & green waste. No plasterboard.

EWC Code

17 09 04



General Waste [Construction]

Description

Non-recyclable construction materials i.e. ceiling tiles, roof felt, vinyl, AstroTurf, fibre glass, carpet, carpet tiles etc.

EWC Code

17 09 04C



PLEASE NOTE

Some construction and manufacturing sites can find that they are producing hazardous waste materials. If you believe that your site is/will be dealing with hazardous waste or if you are unsure, please refer to pages 8 - 9 or call our team on 0800 122 3132.

Hazardous Waste

All hazardous waste must be segregated into separate, clearly labelled containers and hold a current Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Hazardous Waste is also subject to an EA Consignment Note Fee.

	Asbestos	Description Bonded asbestos only, segregated from other waste materials. Required double wrapping in plastic.	EWC Code 17 06 05*
	Aerosols	Description Expanding and non-expanding aerosols.	EWC Code 16 05 04*
	Liquid Paint & Adhesive	Description Paints, inks, adhesives and resins containing dangerous substances.	EWC Code 20 01 27*
	Paint Tins	Description Solvent-based paint tins.	EWC Code 15 01 11*
	Contaminated Spills Materials	Description Examples include spill mates and granules.	EWC Code 15 02 02*



Waste Oil

Description

Including filter materials, absorbents, wiping cloths, contaminated protective clothing and oily rags.

EWC Code

13 02 05*



WEEE (Waste Electrical Equipment)

Description

Examples include TV's, computer screens, cables with plugs, domestic appliances and components removed from discarded equipment.

EWC Code

20 01 35*



Fridges

EWC Code

20 01 23*



Tyres

EWC Code

16 01 03*



Alkaline Batteries

EWC Code

16 06 04*



Lead Batteries

EWC Code

16 06 01*



Liquid Solvents

EWC Code

20 01 13*



Thinners & Solvents [Packaging]

EWC Code

15 01 10*



Mastic Tubes

EWC Code

15 01 10*



Fire Extinguishers

EWC Code

20 01 23*

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