





This leaflet provides useful information to help you when it comes to disposing of your business waste.

Every organisation and business has a Duty of Care (a legal responsibility) for the waste they generate.

Section 34 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA 1990) requires businesses to:



Working for private households

If your business carries out work at a private household (e.g. building or gardening), any waste you produce is classed as business waste and you must treat it as such.

Home-based businesses

If your business is home-based, any waste you produce in the course of your work is classed as business waste. You must keep it separate from your household waste and treat it as business waste.

Who can collect my business waste?

The council's domestic waste contractor, Veolia, can be contacted on **0345 60 60 460** to arrange a commercial waste and recycling collection service.

There are other providers that can be contacted to arrange the collection and disposal of your business waste.

If you are using such a company to move or dispose of your waste, then you need to ensure that they are either a registered or exempted waste carrier. You can check their certificate of registration directly or with the Environment Agency by visiting: www.gov.uk/guidance/accessthe-public-register-for-environmentalinformation

If you want to transport your own business waste to or from any place in Great Britain you will generally need to be registered as a waste carrier. It is an offence to carry waste without being a registered waste carrier. Doing so can lead to a fixed penalty notice or prosecution.

What to do if you suspect something is wrong?

If you are concerned that the company or person collecting your business waste may be breaking the law, stop giving them your waste and **report it immediately**.



Enforcement

Failure to comply with the Duty of Care requirements is a criminal offence and could lead to prosecution.

Enforcement action can be taken against anyone not meeting the Duty of Care requirements. Failure to comply with the EPA 1990 will result in a fixed penalty being issued. For more serious cases, prosecution can result.

> A transfer note describing the waste quantity and type, and its transfer, must be filled in and signed by both persons involved. Failure to provide evidence of Waste Transfer Notes can result in a **FIXED PENALTY NOTICE OF £3000** or the payment of an **UNLIMITED**

if you are prosecuted in a

magistrate's court. Unlimited fines can be imposed if the case goes to Crown Court.

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If another person takes your business waste from you and is not authorised to do so, or if your waste is illegally disposed of (e.g. flytipped) YOU could be prosecuted and fined if you have not taken all reasonable measures to meet your Duty of Care obligations.

Environmental Care Officers will undertake spot checks to ensure local businesses are complying with their legal responsibilities. Businesses that cannot demonstrate compliance will be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

Trade, business or commercial waste of any description is not accepted at either of the Household Waste Recycling Centres in Southend-on-Sea.

If you are producing business waste, you must remember to:

Use a private waste company or facility to dispose of your waste – do not use Household Waste Recycling Centres (these are for household waste and depositing business waste at these sites is a criminal offence)

Check that any company or person moving your waste has a Waste Carrier's Licence Register for a Waste Carrier's Licence if moving your own waste or someone else's

Keep all related paperwork

for a period of two years

Describe the waste in writing (Waste Transfer Note)

household waste

Not put out or mix your business waste with your



Some waste carriers are only registered for certain kinds of waste or activities - check that

their certificate covers your

type of waste.

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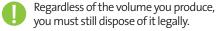
This leaflet is only an introduction to Duty of Care requirements. It cannot be relied upon as legal advice. For further information please contact the Environment Agency, or visit: www.rightwasterightplace.com or www.gov.uk (search for business and commercial waste)

Frequently asked questions

My business doesn't produce any waste. What should I do?

It is highly unlikely - commercial waste includes:

- Post and junk mail
- Damaged, scrapped or obsolete equipment
- Packaging from deliveries
- Food and drink consumed by staff and its packaging (e.g. tea bags, crisp packets, drinks cartons, etc.)
- Cleaning materials
- Office paper



Can I take my business waste home with me for recycling or disposal?

No. Taking it home, or asking staff to do so does not meet the requirements of your Duty of Care. Recycling and waste produced during business activities cannot be mixed with household waste and must be disposed of separately.

Where can I get further information?

www.rightwasterightplace.com www.southend.gov.uk/commercialwastecollections www.southend.gov.uk/commercialwaste

What else must I consider?

The Duty of Care regulations also require that waste is stored safely and securely. To avoid a fixed penalty notice, please store your waste appropriately and prevent it from escaping. When it is stored, care must be taken to prevent:

- Corrosion or damage to containers
- Spillage and leaks
- Access by unauthorised persons
- Scavenging by animals

Your waste is your responsibility up until the moment it is collected. You will be liable for any littering caused by waste escaping because your bin lids are left open or because bags are scavenged by animals.

Thank you!

Thank you for ensuring that you are meeting your Duty of Care responsibilities. With your support we can make sure that everyone enjoys a pleasant, safe and clean borough.

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