

# Visiting Household Waste Recycling Centres in a 'Commercial type' vehicle.

**'Commercial type' vehicles can only access the sites on Sundays between 12 noon and 4:00pm.**

**Remember:** The Household Waste Recycling Centres are for household waste only. Commercial or business waste is not permitted.

If you only have a 'commercial type' vehicle and need to visit the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) with your household waste, you are welcome at the sites on Sundays between 12 noon and 4.00pm.

You will also need to complete and submit a Household Waste Declaration Form (HWDF). Commercial type vehicles cannot access the sites outside this time.

## 1 What is a commercial type vehicle?

- All vans; including small and Transit vans
- Open backed vans and single cab pickup vehicles
- People Carriers; where permanently adapted to carry large loads.



Please note:

- Commercial type vehicles from outside the borough are not allowed access at any time.

- Commercial type vehicles with trailers are not allowed access at any time.
- All commercial type vehicles wishing to access the site must complete a HWDF, available to download from [www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk)

## 2 Why do commercial type vehicles have restricted access?

Research has shown that the majority of waste generated by business or trade activities is delivered to HWRCs in commercial type vehicles. It is illegal to dispose of commercial waste at these sites.

However, some residents only have access to a commercial type vehicle and may occasionally wish to deposit their legitimate **household waste**. For this reason access for these vehicles is still permitted on Sundays between 12 noon and 4:00pm.

### 3 What isn't considered a commercial type vehicle and therefore has no restrictions on access?

#### Car



#### 4 X 4 without pick up



#### Camper Van



#### Double Cab Pick Up Trucks

(Must complete and submit a HWDF)



#### People Carrier

(Where it is not permanently altered to carry large loads)



#### Trailers

With a load bed under 1.8m long. (Trailers between 1.8m and 3m require a completion of a HWDF)



#### Estate



#### Hire Van

Hired for 7 days or less (please bring evidence of your hire agreement with you). Vehicles hired for over 7 days (must provide evidence of the hire agreement and complete and submit a HWDF).

### 4 Does it matter if businesses use HWRCs?

Yes – businesses are breaking the law if they attempt to deposit waste at the sites.

to be presented by all visitors to HWRCs. Failure to provide proof of address will result in access being denied.

### 5 Do commercial type vehicles have to present proof of address?

Yes – proof of address (driving licence or council tax bill) needs

### 6 Why is proof of address needed?

HWRCs cannot be used by any vehicle from outside the borough.

All visitors must provide proof of address to demonstrate they reside in the borough.

## 7 Can trailers be used?

### YES:

- Trailer beds less than 1.8m (approx 6ft) and being towed by a car or 4 x 4 do not require a HWDF.
- Drivers with trailer beds between 1.8m (approx 6ft) and 3m (approx 10ft) and being towed by a car or 4 x 4 must present a completed HWDF at each visit.

### NO:

- Trailer beds over 3m (approx 10ft) are not permitted access to either HWRC.

Commercial type vehicles with trailers are not allowed access at any time.

## 8 Doesn't Southend-on-Sea Borough Council have to take my business waste?

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council does not have any duty to accept business/trade waste, or waste classed as construction or demolition waste at HWRCs.

Companies are responsible for arranging for the disposal of their own waste and have a legal responsibility to record where their waste is disposed of. Failure to meet this legal responsibility is an offence.

**Please note:** waste which has been generated as a result of a commercial transaction e.g. House or garden clearance **IS CLASSED AS COMMERCIAL WASTE.**

You cannot use the sites to dispose of any waste you have been paid to dispose of, or results from a service you have provided.

## 9 Where can I get more information?

For information about Household Waste Recycling Centres visit [www.southend.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.southend.gov.uk/hwrc)

For information about Household Waste Declaration forms visit [www.southend.gov.uk/hwdf](http://www.southend.gov.uk/hwdf)

For more information about Business "Duty of Care" please visit: [www.southend.gov.uk](http://www.southend.gov.uk)

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