

Construction Site Waste Management Policy

The benefits of good waste management practice

- Lower disposal costs e.g. reduced skip hire, landfill tax, and gate fees
- Avoidance of waste transportation costs
- Greater reuse / recycling of materials on site, saving on raw materials purchased
- Lower levels of material wastage

Good practice onsite

Buying and Storing Materials

- Order the amount of materials you need as accurately as possible;
- Arrange for 'just in time' deliveries to reduce storage and material losses;
- Consider the source of materials, Quality materials and recycled materials may prove cheaper).
- Consider the packaging used for materials delivered to the site – can this be reduced or recycled.
- Ensure that deliveries are rejected if damaged or incomplete
- Make sure storage areas are safe, secure and weatherproof (where required)
- Store liquids away from drains, burns and in bunded areas to prevent pollution.

Site Activities

- Ensure options for the use of reclaimed and recycled construction materials, that meet the materials specification are considered – www.tradeleftovers.com
- Recycle suitable spoil, demolition materials, pruning, and surplus construction material arising from the works on site to avoid the need to transport materials.
- Keep the site tidy to reduce material losses and waste.

Training and awareness

- Promote good practice awareness as part of health and safety induction / training Worker's on-site.

Waste Segregation

- Segregate different types of waste as they are generated using different skips where possible (given the space available). At a minimum there should be skips for wood, inert and mixed materials, although a skip for metals may generate some income. If there is a shortage of space and not enough room for multiple skips get a licensed waste management company to deal with waste- they may be able to recover / recycle materials from mixed skips..
- Use the Waste Aware Construction website where you can create posters in line with the National Colour Coding Scheme to identify skips easily.
www.wasteawareconstruction.org.uk

Staying on the right side of the law

- Complete waste transfer notes before any waste leaves the site
- Ensure all waste carriers have a valid waste carrier's registration certificate
- Ensure all wastes are disposed of at a correctly licensed site
- Complete notification for hazardous waste to SEPA (tel: 0800 389 5270)

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Useful Websites

www.constructingexcellence.org.uk

www.recyclewood.org.uk

www.envirowise.gov.uk

www.bre.co.uk

www.tradeleftovers.com

www.reuseitdontloseit.co.uk

www.brightongreenpages.org

www.recyclingnewsportal.com

www.environmentcentre.com