

Gloucester City Council

WATCH YOUR TRADE WASTE

DO YOU IMPORT, PRODUCE, CARRY, KEEP, TREAT OR DISPOSE OF COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL WASTE

If so, Environmental Protection Act 1990 places you under a duty of care to make sure your waste is kept, treated and disposed of properly. If you operate a business you must:

- **Sign a Trade Refuse Agreement** with a carrier who is legally authorised to carry waste for which there will be a charge, OR you may take your own rubbish to a licensed disposal site or tip and pay the charges. Businesses cannot use the Household Recycling Centre for free tipping.
- **Store all your waste safely and securely** in suitable container(s) when awaiting collection for disposal.
- Where possible, store the waste on your own property when waiting for collection. If this is not possible, put it close to your door so that it is clear that it is your rubbish waiting for collection.
- **Put out your refuse at the time given to you by the contractor and not before.** Rubbish must not be left out on the street for long periods.
- **Ensure that the person or carrier that collects your waste is** a registered waste carrier. Describe to the waste carrier what is being collected and how it is packed – whether loose or in a container and if it is in a container what type.
- Retain the Waste Transfer Note that your carrier issues containing the description of the waste collected for disposal or recycling using the European Waste Catalogue code (EWC) – **it is your responsibility to correctly describe your waste**, although your waste carrier may be able to help
- Know where your waste will finally be disposed of and **keep your waste transfer notice for two years**; you may have to show this to a Council Officer, on demand. You can be prosecuted if you cannot produce full records for the last two years.
- Check that your carrier is taking your waste to a licensed disposal site or tip. Carriers cannot use the public civic amenity sites for free tipping. **YOU** can be prosecuted if your carrier dumps your rubbish.
- If you dispose of your waste yourself, you must be able to say when, where and how it was disposed; and evidence of this must be obtained and retained for two years.
- Don't put rubbish in or beside public litterbins, or by trees, lampposts or around the corner. Don't risk being prosecuted for causing litter.
- Recycle wherever possible. This benefits the environment and could reduce your waste transfer costs.
- Keep your premises and the area surrounding it clean and tidy. It is good for business.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Further guidance overleaf ...

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If you handle hazardous wastes, there are separate legal requirements that apply and you may need to register with the Environment Agency. Visit <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/> or call 087808 502858.

Please note, if you produce meat and/or fish wastes there are special disposal requirements – please contact Trading Standards on 01452 426201, email tradstds@gloucestershire.gov.uk

For more information on the description of the waste collected for disposal or recycling using the European Waste Catalogue code (EWC) please visit www.defra.gov.uk

USEFUL CONTACTS:

Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP)

Home Page	http://www.wrap.org.uk/
Helpline	08081002040

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Home Page	http://www.gloseconet.org.uk/
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Recycling for Gloucestershire

Home Page	http://www.recycleforgloucestershire.com/index.html
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Home Page	http://www.gloucester.gov.uk
Refuse and Recycling	www.gloucester.gov.uk/recycling

Envirowise

Homepage	http://www.envirowise.gov.uk/
Advice Line	0800 585794

Collection of waste vegetable oil

Uwin Bio Ltd	01452 501399
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