

Business Waste – Information and Advice

What is business waste?

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 defines business waste as waste from premises used for a trade or business or for the purposes of sport, recreation or entertainment. The Act introduces a “duty of care” which all businesses must comply with.

“Duty of Care” – what does it mean?

You must take all reasonable steps to keep waste safe and dispose of it properly. If you give your waste to someone else you must make sure that they are licensed to collect and dispose of it in accordance with the duty of care.

How should business waste be stored and disposed of?

You are responsible for and must control storage and disposal of your business waste. You must ensure:

- All waste is kept safely and securely in a suitable container.
- Whoever you give your waste to has the authority to take it i.e. a registered waste carrier.
- When your waste is transferred, a waste transfer note must accompany it.
- Waste transfer notes must be kept for two years and be made available to an authorised officer upon request.
- If you dispose of your waste yourself, you must use a licensed facility such as Nantycaws Transfer Station, Carmarthen. Private licensed sites can be found online, search ‘waste transfer stations in my area’. You must be registered as a waste carrier to transport your waste, for more details go to: www.naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions

What steps do I need to take to comply with my “duty of care”?

You should:

- Purchase or hire suitable bins to store your waste.
- Store your waste securely and safely – in a container so that the public, animals or vermin cannot gain access.
- Set up a contract with a registered waste carrier, to provide you with bins for storage, a collection service and the necessary paperwork.
- Inform all your staff how they should dispose of refuse legally – preferably in writing.

What am I not allowed to do with my business waste?

You are **NOT** allowed to:

- Take your business waste home with you and put it in your household bin.
- Take your business waste to the Council’s Household Waste Recycling Centres.
- Place your business waste in any public litter bin or public recycling bank.

Failure to comply may lead to prosecution and a fine.

How can I arrange a collection of my business waste?

Cwm Environmental provide trade waste and recycling services, you can contact them on 01267 225520 or visit their website www.cwmenvironmental.co.uk