

Time Is Running Out

From 30th October 2007 All
Non-Hazardous Waste Must Be
“Pre-Treated” Before Going To Landfill

Find Out What You Need To Do



“Pre-Treatment” of Non-Hazardous Waste – Your Quick And Easy Guide

On 30th October 2007, new regulations for non-hazardous waste come into force. They affect every business or organisation generating non-hazardous waste – that means you. If you don't prepare for it the consequences will be much higher waste disposal costs or the inconvenience of uncollected waste on your premises.

Bergmann Direct have put together this simplified guide to help you understand what you need to do to comply.

What Does “Pre-Treatment” Mean?

The official definition of ‘pre-treatment’ is:

“physical, thermal, chemical or biological processes (including sorting) that change the characteristics of the waste in order to reduce its volume, or hazardous nature, facilitate its handling or enhance its recovery”. For most people:

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The easiest way to comply is to separate recyclables such as cardboard, plastic, paper and only landfilling what's left. This will have changed the nature of the waste and you will have enhanced its recovery.

What Happens If You Don't “Pre-Treat” Waste?

From 30th October 2007, the landfill operator will no longer accept non-hazardous waste that hasn't been “pre-treated”. He will ask the waste contractor (who collects the waste from you) for evidence that it has been “pre-treated”.

What's more, the landfill operator will do spot-checks and has a duty to refuse waste which looks as though it could have been pre-treated but wasn't. In turn, your waste contractor could stop collecting waste from you unless you pre-treat (sort and separate) the waste and provide a document to prove it. If Bergmann Direct already manage your collections we will provide the correct form for you.

The Costs Of Not Pre-Treating Waste

From October 30th 2007, recycling will no longer be ‘optional’. What's more, unless you can demonstrate that you have pre-treated your waste, the financial costs could be very high.

No fines or penalty charges are being imposed as yet. But since pre-treatment will involve additional handling, waste disposal charges are predicted to double from October. And this is in addition to Landfill Tax, which will go up again by £8 a tonne in April 2008. You can save yourself thousands of pounds by being prepared.



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A Word About Landfill Tax

The doubling of disposal charges predicted for October 2007 are in addition to Landfill Tax. Landfill Tax has already risen to £24 per tonne and will rise to £32 per tonne in April 2008 and by £8 per tonne per year until 2010-11. Pre-treatment regulations will increase disposal costs further. You can reduce the impact of these costs – see inset below.

Plan Now To Avoid Headaches And Extra Cost

Financial



**100%
disposal cost
increase**

Disposal costs (in addition to Landfill Tax) are predicted to increase by 100% - doubling from around £50 per tonne to over £100 per tonne.

By separating out your recyclable waste you will reduce the amount picked up by the waste contractor, reducing your waste collection costs.

If 50% of your waste can be recycled that's up to 50% reduction in the disposal element of your waste collection costs.

Operational



Returned and uncollected waste

Landfill Operators are empowered to conduct visual inspections, check paperwork and satisfy themselves that the waste has been pre-treated. They have a duty to REJECT waste which contains material that could have been recycled.

To recycle you will need equipment to handle and present the waste for a recycler. If volumes are high enough you can receive an income from your waste. Some operational practices will need to change but they will help to keep your costs down and are better than having uncollected waste.

Legal

Possible fines



Landfill operators will need written evidence that the waste has

been pre-treated. If waste producers are found to be accepting untreated waste then they will find themselves in trouble with the Environment Agency who can resort to the courts and impose heavy fines.

Timely consideration of the need to pre-treat your waste will eliminate the legal consequences, leaving you free to concentrate on your core business.

Your Recycling Equipment Options opposite...

Recycling Equipment Options To Comply With Pre-Treatment Regulations

Unacceptable from 30th October 2007

Mixed waste which includes recyclables such as uncontaminated cardboard or plastic with general waste will no longer be acceptable. Mixed Waste into typical containers



The above is not an exhaustive list but it is intended to show typical waste types encountered at manufacturing, distribution and retail customers.



Acceptable from 30th October 2007

Recyclables separated and 'treated' prior to recycling



Save 20% on Recycling Equipment Leasing

Bergmann Direct are working with WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) appointed funders to help businesses who need to purchase recycling equipment. **This unique Government-sponsored scheme is open to businesses with turnovers under £25m.** There are some forms to complete of course but the cost saving is completely genuine.

If you are interested in reducing your equipment leasing by 20% then call us on 0845 226 5803 and we can explain how you can qualify.



Residual Waste

What's left after removal of recyclables can be termed "pre-treated" waste. This waste can be compacted as much as possible to reduce waste collection costs. Pre-treated waste will need documentation to prove that it has been treated.



Landfill Operator's Responsibilities

- To reject waste unless they can be sure that it has been pre-treated
- Check paperwork accompanying the load including a written declaration from the producer*
- Visually check the waste

*Bergmann Direct will provide these to waste producers

Waste Collectors/Holder's Responsibilities

- Make sure that they have a written declaration that the waste has been treated by the customer
- Make sure the next holder (transfer station, landfill operator) is provided with a written declaration

Waste Producer's Responsibilities

- Either treat their own waste or ensure that subsequent holders are treating it
- Provide written evidence of the type of treatment and the amount sorted out for recycling (if in doubt the landfill operator will assume the waste has not been sorted)

Action Plan To Comply With The Regulations

- Assess your waste streams and get Bergmann Direct to visit your site
- Choose the most cost-effective way of separating recyclables and the appropriate machinery
- Set out a timetable for implementation
- Purchase or lease the equipment and train staff
- Appoint the most appropriate recyclers who can handle your recycled waste in your area

Bergmann Direct can do all this with you so you avoid expensive mistakes

For an initial telephone conversation about your particular situation call us on 0845 226 5803 or contact us at info@bergmanndirect.co.uk



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As a busy hotel, we are always striving to improve operational efficiency, whilst maintaining a high level of service to our customers. Waste, its storage, removal and costs were a perpetual 'headache' until BDL Waste Management got involved back in December 2004. Now most of our waste is recycled, operational efficiency is improved and waste disposal costs reduced considerably - great news and well done BDL.



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