

# Waste Materials Guidebook

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# Introduction

Do you know what type of waste you're producing?  
This guide includes the most common waste streams  
that our customers produce, with descriptions and EWC  
Codes for each of the waste streams.

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# General Waste

General waste materials are a mixture of non-recyclable and recyclable waste materials that aren't segregated. General Waste is brought into a Materials Recycling Facility for segregation to recover and recyclable materials. If your site is planning to segregate your recyclable materials then please refer to page 4-5 for more information about these.



## Household/ General Waste

### Description

Plastics, food wrappers, containers, mixed packaging such as bubble wrap and clingfilm, textiles etc. Minimum food waste.

### EWC Code

20 03 01



## Furniture

### Description

Chairs, tables, chest of drawers, bed frames (if these are wood/metal). No electrical items (WEEE waste) as this must be segregated - see page 7.

### EWC Code

20 03 07



## Food Waste

### Description

General food waste including eggs, pasta, leftover food, tea bags and coffee grounds, meat and fish, dairy products, fruits and vegetables. No liquids.

### EWC Code

20 03 08

# Recyclates

Segregating your recyclable materials can reduce disposal costs and reduce contamination of non-recyclable waste. This can help to improve your landfill diversion rates by ensuring more of your materials are recycled.



## Cardboard

### Description

Clean, dry cardboard with no contamination, food residue or rubble dust. Cardboard has more value when collected separately.

### EWC Code

20 01 01



## Mixed Rigid Plastics

### Description

Clean rigid plastics i.e. bread/cake trays, drink crates, wheelie bins (castors removed) and HOPE. No films, polystyrene, strapping, food trays or PVC.

### EWC Code

20 01 39



## HDPE Bottles

### Description

Clean HOPE natural bottles. Must be empty and washed out.

### EWC Code

20 01 39



## Mixed Bottles

### Description

Clean HOPE natural bottles and PET drinks bottles. Must be empty and washed out.

### EWC Code

20 01 39



## Mixed Cans

### Description

Clean steel and/or aluminium cans. Must be empty and washed out.

### EWC Code

20 01 40



## Mixed Cans & Bottles

### Description

Clean, metal cans and plastic bottles only. Must be empty and no contamination of other materials.

### EWC Code

15 01 06



## LDPE Film

### Description

Clean, dry polythene film - clear and coloured. Grade 98/2 only. Other grades are based on market conditions and may be classed as general waste.

### EWC Code

20 01 39



## Mixed Card & Film

### Description

Clean, dry cardboard and large sortable pieces of LOPE film.

### EWC Code

15 01 06



## Glass

### Description

Clean, empty glass bottles and/or jars. Metal/plastic collars and labels are accepted. Small amounts of contamination are accepted but not liquids.

### EWC Code

20 01 02



## Dry Mixed Recycling (DMR)

### Description

Plastic bottles, mixed cans, clean, dry cardboard. Clingfilm and shrink wrap. No food residues, liquids or contamination.

### EWC Code

15 01 06

# Construction Waste

Our waste services cover many of the waste materials generated by construction sites, who benefit from our skip hire services. Many construction sites do find better results by segregating waste materials - resulting in cost savings and environmental benefits. However if waste segregation isn't ideal for your site then you have the option to choose either a Mixed Construction load for recyclable materials, or a General Waste load if your materials are not all recyclable.



## Hardcore

### Description

Heavier building materials such as bricks, concrete and ceramic tiles.

### EWC Code

17 01 07



## Mixed Inert

### Description

Soils, stone and sand. Tarmac over 6 months old. Can also include bricks, concrete and ceramic tiles.

### EWC Code

17 05 04



## Wood

### Description

Grades A-C only. No sawdust and no contamination with other waste materials.

### EWC Code

17 02 01



## Metal

### Description

Segregated from other waste materials with no contamination.

### EWC Code

17 04 07



## Plasterboard

### Description

Plasterboard must be clean and separate from other materials for appropriate disposal. Cannot be contaminated or foil backed.

### EWC Code

17 08 02



## Green Waste

### Description

No soil and no roots or trunks over 20 inches

### EWC Code

20 02 01



## Mixed Construction

### Description

Glass (non-laminated/shatterproof), PVC windows and frames, sheet glass, hardcore, inert, wood, metal, cardboard & green waste. No plasterboard.

### EWC Code

17 09 04



## General Waste [Construction]

### Description

Non-recyclable construction materials i.e. ceiling tiles, roof felt, vinyl, AstroTurf, fibre glass, carpet, carpet tiles etc.

### EWC Code

17 09 04C

### PLEASE NOTE

Some construction and manufacturing sites can find that they are producing hazardous waste materials. If you believe that your site is/will be dealing with hazardous waste or if you are unsure, please refer to pages 8 - 9 or call our team on 01772622342.



# Hazardous Waste

All hazardous waste must be segregated into separate, clearly labelled containers and hold a current Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). Hazardous Waste is also subject to an EA Consignment Note Fee.

	<b>Asbestos</b>	<p><b>Description</b> Bonded asbestos only, segregated from other waste materials. Required double wrapping in plastic.</p>	<p><b>EWC Code</b> 17 06 05*</p>
	<b>Aerosols</b>	<p><b>Description</b> Expanding and non-expanding aerosols.</p>	<p><b>EWC Code</b> 16 05 04*</p>
	<b>Liquid Paint &amp; Adhesive</b>	<p><b>Description</b> Paints, inks, adhesives and resins containing dangerous substances.</p>	<p><b>EWC Code</b> 20 01 27*</p>
	<b>Paint Tins</b>	<p><b>Description</b> Solvent-based paint tins.</p>	<p><b>EWC Code</b> 15 01 11*</p>
	<b>Contaminated Spills Materials</b>	<p><b>Description</b> Examples include spill mates and granules.</p>	<p><b>EWC Code</b> 15 02 02*</p>



## Waste Oil

### Description

Including filter materials, absorbents, wiping cloths, contaminated protective clothing and oily rags.

**EWC Code**

13 02 05\*



## WEEE (Waste Electrical Equipment)

### Description

Examples include TV's, computer screens, cables with plugs, domestic appliances and components removed from discarded equipment.

**EWC Code**

20 01 35\*



## Fridges

**EWC Code**

20 01 23\*



## Tyres

**EWC Code**

16 01 03\*



## Alkaline Batteries

**EWC Code**

16 06 04\*



## Lead Batteries

**EWC Code**

16 06 01\*



## Liquid Solvents

**EWC Code**

20 01 13\*



## Thinners & Solvents (Packaging)

**EWC Code**

15 01 10\*



## Mastic Tubes

**EWC Code**

15 01 10\*



## Fire Extinguishers

**EWC Code**

20 01 23\*

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