

## TBT: Waste Management (WM3)

### Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) and Hazardous Waste

#### What?

Hazardous waste is waste that has substantial or potential threats to public health or the environment. Hazardous waste management involves compliance with additional waste duty of care regulations. The following are examples of hazardous wastes.

- Chemicals;
- Batteries;
- print toner;
- solvents;
- pesticides;
- Paint tins.
- Petrol Interceptor Wastes

WEEE includes:

- Large household appliances (fridges, cookers, microwaves, washing machines and dishwashers);
- Small household appliances (vacuum cleaners, irons, toasters, clocks);
- computers, copying equipment, telephones and pocket calculators;
- radios, televisions, hi-fi equipment, camcorders and musical instruments;
- Lighting equipment (fluorescent tubes and high intensity discharge lamps);
- Electrical and electronic tools (drills, saws and sewing machines, electric lawnmowers);
- smoke detectors, thermostats and heating regulators
- Automatic dispensers (hot drinks dispensers and money dispensers).



#### Why?

Every year an estimated 2 million tonnes of WEEE items are discarded by householders and companies in the UK.

Promote reuse, collection and recycling of WEEE will reduce the quantity of such waste to be disposed of.

You can avoid environmental harm:

- reduction, reuse and recycling waste minimise the environmental effects of disposing waste to landfill;
- no wasted raw materials, energy or consumables;
- incorrectly disposing of waste could potentially create water pollution and damage habitats;

Duty of Care:

- The transfer of Hazardous/Special waste must be accompanied by Waste Consignment Note (WCN).
- The description of waste (items and quantity) must match with what is being collected.

#### Do

- ✓ Dispose of WEEE and hazardous waste in a safe, appropriate manner.
- ✓ Label each waste container with "Hazardous Waste" and "WEEE"
- ✓ Store WEEE and hazardous wastes in a safe manner before pick-up
- ✓ Know what waste on site is classed as WEEE and Hazardous.
- ✓ Ensure that disposal of the waste complies with the regulations.
- ✓ Ensure all ABM equipment is returned to your line manager.
- ✓ Before you sign the WCN, check if the description of waste (items and quantity) matches with what is being collected. If it doesn't match, request the driver to rectify before signing.

#### Don't

- x Mix hazardous waste with non-hazardous waste type.
- x Attempt to burn hazardous materials
- x Pour chemicals or solvents down the drain
- x Put waste materials into the wrong waste container.
- x Open or start to use new product/materials before the ones in use are empty.
- x Burn or bury waste, it's illegal.
- x Don't sign WCN that the description of waste (items and quantity) if it does not match what is being collected. If this happens, request the driver to correct the note before signing.