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Waste -Changing Times

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Duty of Care ,Hazardous waste & Electrical equipment

- Duty of Care -What are your legal obligations as a waste producer?
- Changes to disposal practices under Landfill Regs
- Hazardous waste
- The WEEE Regulations

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What does the EA do?

- The main Environmental regulator for :
- The Waste industry
- The Water Industry
- Large Process industry
- Agriculture

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Other Responsibilities

- Responsibility for flood defence and structures on large rivers
- Monitoring and control of fisheries
- Water Resources
- Navigation (We operate the locks on the non tidal Thames)

What do We do ?

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- We work in the Mole Environment Management Team ; Thames Region SE area
- Our Team covers River Mole & River Wandle Catchments
- Our role:
- Routine inspections, Advising, Pollution Prevention, Respond to pollution incidents & Enforcement of a wide range of Legislation

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Duty Of Care for Waste

- Brought in through EPA90 to ensure producers get rid of their waste in a proper manner
- To help producers, carriers manage the waste correctly
- The Duty of care is set out in section 34 of the EPA 1990 and a statutory code of practice made under that section

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- There are regulations that set out what information must be recorded .
- You must keep the paperwork for two years
- Duty was extended to Householders last year
- There are **3** main elements:

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1. Keep the waste Secure

- Don't let it escape

To Cause

Litter, Pollution, Harm



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2. Describe it Properly

- An adequate written description must be transferred to enable subsequent holders of the waste to deal with it properly



- There should be no surprises

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What Should a Transfer Note Contain?

- Who, Where, When,
- Description,: What is it, Containment, How much
- European waste catalogue code
- eg 16 02 .. discarded equipment
- 20 01 21 fluorescent tubes
- 16 05 .. Gases & Chemicals

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- These numbers help with reporting and planning.
- EWC is incorporated in to UK law by List of Waste Regulations 2005.
- Agency guide how to use LOW
- Pre treatment of non haz waste OCT 2007
- Waste description should indicate pre-treatment

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3. Transfer your waste to an authorised Person

- A waste collection authority
- A registered Charity
- A registered carrier

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Why?

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- These Controls apply to Controlled waste only.
- If you sell a bit of old equipment to be used for its original intended use then it is not waste.
- However you should still keep a record ,in case that person changes their mind and dumps it.

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Changes to Duty of Care

- **DEFRA** have just started consulting on Changes to the Duty of Care , Carriage of waste , Links to Exporting and Importing of waste:
- Duty of Care regime is 15 years old
- Committed to tackling fly-tipping and wider waste crime through the revised Waste Strategy

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Aims

To create a duty of care and waste carrier system that:

- Is easier for LAs and businesses to understand
- Promotes compliance
- Has a range of flexible penalties
- Reduces illegal waste activities
- Reduces burdens on business

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Timescales

- 1st Consultation (Canvassing opinion) closes 6th March 2007
- 2nd Consultation will take place later in the year and is likely to be a 1st draft of the new Regulations
- Intended date for the new system is approx 2 years
- Contact www.DEFRA

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More Information

Fly-Tipping Strategy Unit

More information and consultation
responses:

flytipping@defra.gsi.gov.uk

[www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localen
v/flytipping](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/localenv/flytipping)

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Landfill Regulations

- Came in on 16th July 2004
- End of Co Disposal
- Hazardous waste can only go to Haz waste Landfill site. (IF being landfilled)
- In SE England there are only a few sites
- Remaining sites will need to conform to tighter restrictions -Costs have gone up!!!
- Hazardous waste has to be pre-treated.

Examples of “New” Hazardous Wastes

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What you should already be doing

- You should already be keeping Ha z waste separate.
- E.g. You should not be putting fluorescent Tubes in with normal waste
- You shouldn't be mixing different types of haz waste to get rid of them(unless you have a permit)

What's New

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- 30th Oct 2007
- Non Hazardous waste must be Pre-treated before going to Landfill.
- No liquid wastes in Non Hazardous Landfill
- Why:
- To increase recycling
- To bring about a reduction in the Environmental impact of landfills
- Added benefit of extending Landfill life for wastes that have no other disposal option

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What Does this mean?

- You Can't put everything in a bin and have it taken direct to a landfill.
- What can you do?
- Source segregate your Waste
- Do nothing..... **But**
- Speak to your Waste Contractor
- Make sure your waste description is correct

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- In practice most companies are already segregating some of their waste at Source
- eg removing waste paper

Hazardous waste

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- You need a consignment note to move these wastes
- Counts as a transfer note but needs more info
- Cradle to grave
- You Must Register your premises
- **Unless** you are an office and don't produce more than 205 kg/yr

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- Consignee has to send producer quarterly returns.
- EA charges Disposal sites based on quarterly Returns they submit to us
- Costs are then passed down through the commercial Chain

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Other things Of Interest

- Environmental Permitting review
- Streamlining Env permits
- New Regulations due to come in April 2008
- Current Consultation by DEFRA-
Comments by 11th April 2007
- Questions after Mike s Presentation on
WEEE