

## Trade waste

Trade waste (waste arising from any trader or business, industrial or commercial activities) is not accepted at HWRCs. This includes any waste from domestic premises carried for profit or arising from any profitable activities, i.e. waste from paid tradespersons such as a builder or plumber carrying out repairs, maintenance or improvement work on domestic properties. Anyone who has received any payment for carrying waste, or produces waste from their work cannot take this waste to an HWRC.

## Duty of care

Householders have a 'duty of care' to ensure that any waste created either by themselves or by paid tradespersons working in their home is disposed of appropriately, safely and legally, either by themselves or by a licensed carrier of waste.

If tradespersons are contracted to dispose of this waste, householders have a duty to check that they are authorised to carry the type of waste and hold a valid waste carrier licence. To check, or to apply for a waste carrier licence, call the Environment Agency National Customer Contact Centre on: **08708 506 506** or visit: [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk).

Should householders decide to dispose of construction and demolition waste themselves at an HWRC (e.g. soil and rubble), they need to be aware that this waste type is not legally defined as household waste and HWRCs only accept limited quantities – please see the section on DIY waste in this leaflet.

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## Waste acceptance at HWRCs



Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) only accept waste of the type and amount associated with the usual production from a household. This leaflet explains in more detail the types and amounts of waste which you can take to HWRCs for reuse, recycling and disposal.

HWRCs are not licensed to accept trade waste. Further information on what is classed as trade waste and how to dispose of it can be found on the back page of this leaflet.

To maximise the amount of material recycled and to speed up your visit, please try to segregate all waste types before arrival at the HWRC and use the correct container for each waste type. If you need assistance or guidance with anything whilst on site, please ask site staff.

## Reusable items in good condition?

Avoid sending waste to landfill by passing bric-a-brac, furniture, books and household electrical items suitable for reuse to charity shops or community schemes. For details of local organisations, please see the leaflet on alternative disposal routes for household waste, available from any HWRC or online at: [www.hants.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/recycling).

Household items brought to HWRCs in good condition may be sold on for reuse through the onsite sales areas. Please see a member of site staff if you believe you have a suitable item. Bric-a-brac and furniture items not suitable for reuse should be placed into the relevant container for the material type.

## Disposing of large amounts of waste or types not accepted?

Information on alternative disposal routes for both household and trade waste is available in leaflet form from any HWRC or online at: [www.hants.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/recycling).

## Waste types accepted at HWRCs

### Green garden waste

Material under a diameter of 100mm or four inches should be placed in the green waste container. From here, green garden waste is taken to one of three special sites around the county to be composted. The result is Pro-Grow soil conditioner which is certified by the Soil Association and can be bought from any HWRC.



Turf and material with a diameter greater than 100mm or four inches cannot easily be composted and should be placed in the household waste container for final disposal.

### Clothes and textiles

Most HWRCs have a clothing and textiles bank. Clothes in good condition may be collected by charities for resale, or donated to aid projects in developing countries. Other textiles can be reused as industrial rags and cleaning cloths.





## Newspapers, magazines and cardboard

Cardboard, newspapers and magazines, and telephone directories can all be recycled at your local HWRC.

Mixed paper and cardboard are transported to mills where they are turned into various forms of packaging.



## Glass bottles and jars

Please sort glass bottles and jars according to their colour and place in the bottle bank. Glass is recycled into new bottles and jars, or crushed and used as a building aggregate.

Pyrex and window glass is not recyclable and should be placed in the household waste container for final disposal.



## Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)



Fridges, freezers, televisions, computer monitors and small items such as mobile phones and hairdryers are accepted at HWRCs.

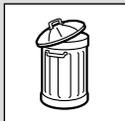
Most items can be sold for spares through the onsite sales area, or sent to reprocessors where their various elements are stripped down and recycled or disposed of safely.

## Household batteries



Please place household batteries in the designated red wheelie bin. From here they are sent for recycling into their various elements.

## Animal waste



Only animal waste from the keeping of domestic animals is accepted. A maximum of two bin liners can be deposited per household per day, and waste must be double bagged before disposal. Please inform site staff of the waste type before placing in the household waste bin for final disposal.

Waste from livestock, breeding, boarding, stabling or exhibiting of animals is **not accepted**.

## Soil, rubble and DIY waste

Although soil, rubble and DIY waste is not legally defined as household waste, Hampshire County Council recognises that households may produce small quantities, and so HWRCs in Hampshire will accept the equivalent of a medium-sized car boot full of waste (approximately the contents of six 30 litre bags) no more than an average of once per month, per household. Soil, rubble and DIY waste must be brought to the site bagged or boxed and then emptied directly into the correct container. The quantity restriction applies whatever vehicle is being used to transport the material.

The soil, rubble and DIY waste restriction applies to soil, rubble, wood, timber and scrap metal.



### Soil and rubble

Used bricks, loose soil, sand, ceramics, tiles and concrete can be placed in the soil and rubble container. Spent compost should be placed in the green garden waste container.

Once screened, soil is blended for reuse in top soil. Rubble is broken down and used as a secondary aggregate.

Cement, tarmac, clay and turf should be placed in the household waste container for final disposal.

Plasterboard and broken plaster should be placed in the designated separate container – please ask site staff for assistance. Only small incidental offcuts from minor DIY projects are accepted.



## Wood and timber

### Mixed wood



Some wooden items such as furniture can be reused through the onsite sales area. Please ask site staff for further advice.

All HWRCs except Alresford have a container for mixed wood. Most wood types are accepted, including plywood, blackboard, oriented strand board, chipboard, MDF, hardboard, softwood and hardwood. Railway sleepers are not accepted.

The general use of mixed wood is in energy recovery.

### Scrap metal items



Please place iron and steel items in the ferrous container, and aluminium in the non-ferrous container. Any fluids such as oil must be removed before disposal.

Metals are sold as scrap and reused by industry.



## Paint

Non-water based paints should be placed in the designated container.

Water based paints should be placed in the household waste container for final disposal, unless the site has a separate container for paint reuse.

Paint should be deposited in a suitable, sealed container. A maximum of five litres per household per month can be deposited.



## Automotive waste

Only waste from a household source will be accepted.

### Car batteries

Please place in the designated container for safe disposal.



### Engine oil

This must be in a suitable sealed container. A maximum of 10 litres can be deposited per household per six months.



**Petrol, diesel** and **tyres** are not accepted at HWRCs. Please contact your local car breaker, garage, or see the information available in the leaflet for alternative disposal routes or online at: [www.hants.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/recycling).

## Hazardous household waste

Household and garden chemicals including pesticides, lawn treatments, white spirit, varnishes and antifreeze are only accepted

at 11 specially licensed HWRCs (Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Bordon, Farnborough, Marchwood, Netley, Portsmouth, Segensworth, Southampton and Winchester). Such items must be delivered in a suitable sealed container.

A maximum of five litres can be deposited per household per month.





## Gas bottles

Please contact the manufacturer in the first instance to check if they are able to take back the item for reuse/refilling or disposal. HWRCs accept gas bottles up to 15kg in size, either propane or butane. Balloon gas bottles are also accepted.

Other gas bottles or air cylinders are not accepted. Please see the information available in the leaflet for alternative disposal routes or online at: [www.hants.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.hants.gov.uk/recycling).

HWRCs will only accept SCUBA diving bottles if the manufacturer will not take them back.

## Cement bonded asbestos (CBA)



CBA is accepted at five specially licensed HWRCs only (Andover, Basingstoke, Efford, Netley and Portsmouth). HWRCs will accept no more than 15 sheets, of no greater size than 120cm by 60cm. This is approximately equal to the amount that comes from a standard single garage roof.

CBA must be wrapped in plastic sheeting or small pieces must be double bagged and sealed with tape to avoid the release of asbestos fibres. Please call the site in advance to confirm that there is adequate space to store it safely, otherwise you may be turned away upon arrival.

No other types of asbestos will be accepted.



## Fire extinguishers

HWRCs will only accept fire extinguishers if the manufacturer will not take them back.

