

NIEA Position – Consumer Goods Deposited At Household Recycling Centres / Civic Amenity Sites

Introduction

Consumer goods such as furniture, electrical equipment, sports equipment etc. are increasingly being salvaged through household recycling centres / civic amenity sites. The items deposited by the general public, are segregated from all other materials at the site and may undergo assessment, testing and refurbishment or repair, prior to going to a shop, a swap shop, or a charity organisation. These workshops and or shops, may be located within the household recycling centre / civic amenity site, or maybe located elsewhere and may be operated by a Council, a charity or a private operator.

Waste Management Licensing Requirements

If a household recycling centre / civic amenity site is authorised with a waste management licence, the operator must ensure that all wastes and or any additional activities are covered by the authorisation.

The European Waste Catalogue (EWC) Codes for the materials to be accepted at the site, must be covered by the waste management licence. Most existing waste management licences will cover the reception and storage of many materials. However, a modification of the licence will be required to accommodate any materials not included. To provide the modification, the waste types must have planning permission, or be covered by the existing planning permission.

A workshop, swap shop or shop to be operated within a household recycling centre / civic amenity site, may also require a modification to the waste management licence, if the activity is not already included. To provide this modification, the activity must also have planning permission, or be covered by the existing planning permission.

If the materials are collected at the household recycling centre / civic amenity site but, are assessed, repaired or tested on another site, the site where this occurs will require a waste management authorisation. Depending on the type and or quantity of material, this will be a waste management licence or an exemption from licensing

Duty Of Care

Items, which following assessment, are not in a condition to be repaired, must either be returned to the household recycling centre / civic amenity site which originally received them or, must be sent to another appropriately authorised waste management facility.

* Please note that any movements of waste must be accompanied by a waste transfer note.

Additional Information

What do I need, to apply for a waste management licence?

<http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/waste-home/authorisation/license.htm>

What do I need, to modify a waste management licence?

http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/app_of_modify.pdf