

Agricultural Waste - Your Obligations

DUTY OF CARE

This guide is to help farmers manage their waste under the new rules. It aims to provide a basic introduction to some changes you need to make.



What is Duty of Care all about?

It's all about making sure your waste doesn't cause any environmental problems or ends up being fly tipped. If you have waste you have a legal 'Duty of Care' to see that it doesn't cause problems. There are some simple rules to follow including keeping it secure so it doesn't leak or blow away and if you give your waste to someone else (like a waste contractor) it is your duty to make sure that:

1. The person can take it – check that they are authorised;
2. The waste goes to a proper legal site – one that's licensed or exempt;
3. You give the person a transfer note – this needs to include a description of the waste; and
4. The waste does not escape from their control (eg by ensuring that your waste is safely contained).



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What do you have to do?

- Duty of Care now applies to all waste produced on a farm.
To comply with Duty of Care you will have to:
 - Make your waste secure. Make sure your containers are up to the job and that the waste won't leak or blow away from them.
 - When you pass your waste to someone else, make sure they're authorised to take it. There are several different types of people who are authorised. For example registered waste carriers and holders of waste management licences are authorised under the Duty of Care. More information on Duty of Care is available on the EHS website: www.ehsni.gov.uk.
 - If you are about to give your waste to someone and don't know whether they are authorised to take it, you can check the public registers on the EHS website: www.ehsni.gov.uk.

- When you pass your waste to someone else you must fill out a waste transfer note and keep it for two years. This transfer note must:
 - Describe the waste you are passing on (a 'season ticket' – ie one transfer note can relate to a series of waste collections of the same types and quantities of waste made between the same parties. This can last up to 12 months);
 - Contain a code that describes the waste or wastes (see opposite for the codes for common wastes produced by farmers. If you have a waste that isn't listed, call us on (028) 9054 6477 and we will help you find the right code);
 - Show how the waste is contained, for example is it loose, in a sack, skip or drum?;
 - Identify the amount of waste being passed on (for example the number of sacks or other containers, the volume of waste or it's weight);
 - List your name and identify that you are the producer of the waste;
 - List the name of the person you are passing the waste to and their status (for example a registered waste carrier, including their registration number);
 - Give the address where you passed the waste to the other person (usually your farm) as well as the date that you gave them the waste;
 - Be signed by both parties and be kept for at least two years.

- There is no standard transfer note. Many registered carriers print their own versions of transfer notes. However, to help you, an example is provided on the back of this document.

These are suggested European Waste Catalogue codes. It is your responsibility to use the right code. If in doubt, please call us on (028) 9054 6477.

Vehicle and Machinery Waste

Brake fluids.....	16 01 13*
Brake pads (no asbestos).....	16 01 11
Fuel oil and diesel	13 07 01*
Lead/acid batteries	16 06 01
Mineral based non-chlorinated hydraulic oils	13 01 10*
Mineral based, non-chlorinated waste engine, gear and lubricating oils....	13 02 05*
Most anti-freeze	16 01 14*
Oil filters	16 01 07*
Petrol	13 07 02*
Redundant vehicles and machinery (depolluted – liquids & hazardous components removed)	16 01 06
Redundant vehicles and machinery (undepolluted)	16 01 04*
Tyres.....	16 01 03

Building Waste – from construction or demolition

Asbestos (including cement sheet asbestos).....	17 06 05*
Glass e.g. window glass	17 02 02
Mixed concrete, bricks and tiles and ceramics	17 01 07
Plasterboard/gypsum, arising from construction and demolition.....	17 08 02
Waste soil & stones arising from construction and demolition.....	17 05 04
Wood, also scrap wood (e.g. fencing posts, telegraph poles).....	17 02 01

Other Farm Specific Wastes

Agrochemical wastes containing dangerous substances, e.g. sheep dip, pesticides	02 01 08*
Agrochemical wastes not containing dangerous substances e.g. some fertilisers	02 01 09
Plastics (non- packaging), mulch film & crop cover, silage plastic, other horticultural plastics, tree guards, greenhouse and tunnel film	02 01 04
Waste metal (non-packaging) e.g. fencing wires.....	02 01 10

Where to find out more

EHS website: www.ehsni.gov.uk

Waste Packaging Materials – paper, cardboard, plastic, wood and metal (empty)

Contaminated agrochemical containers & packaging, oil containers	15 01 10*
Empty gas cylinders	15 01 11*
Metal agrochemical containers, empty oil drums, empty paint tins, empty aerosol cans.....	15 01 04
Paper and cardboard packaging, agrochemical bags, animal feed bags, animal health packaging, cores for silage sheet, silage wrap boxes, seed bags.....	15 01 01
Plastic agrochemical packaging, animal feed bags, animal health packaging, fertiliser bags, miscellaneous packaging, seed bags, bale twine & net wrap, cores for silage wrap.....	15 01 02
Wood - Wooden pallets, crates	15 01 03

Animal Health Products

Hazardous medicines	18 02 07*
Infectious swabs & dressings, infected animal health care wastes	18 02 02*
Non-hazardous waste medicines.....	18 02 08
Other non infectious dressings etc	18 02 03
Swabs & dressings	18 02 03
Un-used syringes, used syringes	18 02 01

Other General Wastes

Discarded electrical equipment containing CFC's e.g. fridge.....	16 02 11*
Fluorescent light tubes	20 01 21*
Halogenated organic solvents	14 06 02*
Miscellaneous cardboard & paper separated e.g. office paper fax, printer paper	20 01 01
Paint (non-hazardous)	20 01 28
Waste from a portable toilet	20 03 06
Wiping cloths, protective clothing	15 02 03

* These wastes are classified as hazardous. Hazardous waste Regulations do not apply to farmers during the transitional period (31/07/2006 - 31/07/2007) of the Regulations. However, you must still undertake Duty of Care.

DUTY OF CARE: CONTROLLED WASTE TRANSFER NOTE

Waste and Contaminated Land (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (Article 5)
The Controlled Waste (Duty of Care) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002

PRODUCER	CARRIER	DISPOSAL SITE
Name/Company:	Name/Company:	Name/Company:
Address:	Address:	Address:
Type of Business:	Carriers Registration Number: ROC	Licence Number:
Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
Name (Please print)	Name (Please print)	Name (Please print)
Date:	Date:	Date:

DETAILS OF WASTE		
Description - please specify	Quantity (weight, volume, etc)	Container - please tick Drum(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Skip(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Container(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Lorry(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
European Waste Catalogue Code(s) <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	'Season Ticket' - please tick Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Date(s) of Transfer(s) Other Comments

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It must be made available for inspection by the Department of the Environment on request