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A GUIDE TO SIMPLER RECYCLING LEGISLATION FOR BUSINESSES





TIME IS UP

New recycling laws are here – are you compliant?

New 'Simpler Recycling' legislation has now come into effect, changing the way businesses in England with more than 10 full-time employees are required to recycle their waste.

Simpler Recycling means businesses will need to separate "recycling relevant waste", including dry recyclables and food waste, from general waste on site prior to collection. Failure to comply with the new laws could lead to hefty fines.

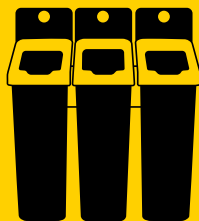
WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

All too often legislation can be complex, confusing even, and with the new rules now in effect, making sure you understand your legal requirements when it comes to commercial waste is essential.

Our guide is here to help you...



Understand your responsibilities for waste separation



Learn which types of waste you'll need to separate



See how better recycling can help you cut costs



WHAT DO THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR YOU?

An overview of what your business must do to comply

From now, commercial facilities in England - including healthcare establishments and academic institutions - with more than 10 full-time employees must ensure they offer multi-stream recyclable waste at the point of collection for processing. This overview provides easy-to-follow guidance to support your business in complying with these legal requirements.

Separation requirements

The new regulations will mean that “recycling relevant waste” from businesses cannot be sent for disposal unless it can be shown to have gone through a treatment process. Dry recyclables (which can be grouped together), food waste, and general waste must be separated on site, prior to collection.

Dry recyclable materials



Glass - such as drinks bottles and rinsed empty food jars



Metal - such as drinks cans and food tins



Plastic - such as rinsed empty food containers and bottles



Paper - such as old newspapers and envelopes



Cardboard - such as delivery boxes and packaging

These rules will apply to businesses with fewer than 10 full-time employees as well from 31st March 2027. Plastic film will also need to be separated from this date.



Important process considerations

- Businesses will be responsible for the waste collected on and transported from their premises.
- Once collected, multi-stream waste is kept separate in order to protect it from contamination so that the largest majority of it can be recycled.
- The earlier the multi-stream splitting of waste occurs in the process, the less need there is for work splitting waste at a facility, prior to collection for processing.



Food Waste

One of the biggest changes for hospitality and food service businesses is the requirement to separate food waste for recycling. This includes leftovers or waste generated by food preparation and production. The rules mean **food cannot be put in your general waste bins and must be stored and collected separately.**

From now, **businesses will not be able to use food waste disposal equipment**, for example macerators, or other forms of food waste treatment equipment such as dewatering or enzyme digesters, to discharge food waste or liquid derived from food waste to a drain or sewer.

Possibility of future changes

In the future, as in Wales, the Secretary of State may add to the materials to be collected in each recyclable waste stream, once there is confidence that the materials can be recycled. With that in mind, modular solutions are the perfect way to future-proof your waste management system. Investing in modular solutions allows you to simply add new containers for additional waste streams without having to start again, reducing waste and protecting budgets.



THE BUSINESS BENEFITS OF MULTI-STREAM RECYCLING

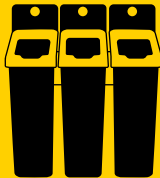
For many businesses in all sectors, balancing increased customer and stakeholder expectations and deeper scrutiny of environmental credentials with higher operational costs and productivity pressures continues to be a real challenge. The good news about introducing compliant waste separation in your facility is that the investment can actually see you cut waste management costs in the long-term, **especially with the 20% landfill tax rise.**

The business benefits of multi-stream recycling

Aside from getting your business compliant with the recycling legislation, introducing multi-stream recycling into your venue has other business benefits.



Help you hit sustainability targets



Improve efficiency by encouraging separation at source



Help you cut costs

Implementing an efficient multi-stream recycling system into your facility could see*:

28% reduction of waste management costs

28% improvement of recycling rates

*Figures based on average indicative savings projected to businesses using the RCP Love Recycling audit tool



A five-star saving

Better recycling practices will reduce the volume of waste you send to general disposal, resulting in significant cost savings as well as trackable and reportable sustainability improvements.

76% of consumers are calling out for companies to take initiative to reduce their environmental footprint

¹The Changing Climate of Sustainability NielsenIQ their environmental footprint

Where to start?

To help you get started making the changes you need to your waste and recycling systems and processes, we've put together some tips in our blog.



You can read it [here](#)

Speak to one of our waste and recycling experts

Our team of waste and recycling experts are on hand to help you update your waste management systems so you can be compliant with the new legislation.



You can request a callback [here](#)



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