

# AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL TRADE WASTE COLLECTION

- **RELIABLE SERVICE**
- **FLEXIBLE COLLECTIONS**
- **COMPETITIVE PRICES**
- **RECYCLING**



## **WASTE, THE DUTY OF CARE: DOES IT AFFECT ME?**

**All businesses produce waste and all waste produced by your business or within your workplace is regulated by waste laws.**

You are responsible for ensuring that if you produce waste, it is stored, transported and disposed of legally. This is called your duty of care. If your business produces any kind of controlled waste you must comply with the duty of care. Most types of business waste are classed as controlled waste including household, commercial and industrial waste.

## **WHAT IS CONTROLLED WASTE?**

Controlled waste can be generated from: a house, school, university, hospital, residential or nursing home, shop, office, factory or any other trade or business. This waste does not have to be hazardous or toxic to be a controlled waste.

## **WORKING AT PRIVATE HOUSEHOLDS**

If your business carries out work at a private household e.g building or gardening, any waste you produce is classed as business waste and you must treat it as such. This includes waste items you collect when you deliver new items. If you transport construction or demolition waste that you produced at a private household, you must be registered as a waste carrier, with the Environment Agency. (0800 506 506).

## **HOME-BASED BUSINESSES**

If your business is home-based any waste you produce from your business activities is classed as business waste. You must keep it separate from your household waste and complete waste transfer notes when it is collected or disposed of.

## **IS THE COST OF WASTE COLLECTION INCLUDED IN MY BUSINESS RATES?**

Waste collection is not included in business rates. Businesses must pay a separate charge which is dependant upon how much waste the business generates.

## **CAN I USE THE LOCAL CIVIC AMENITY SITE, LOCAL RECYCLING CENTRES OR STREET LITTER BINS TO DISPOSE OF MY WASTE?**

No, disposing of controlled waste from a business at either a Household Waste Centre, the local recycling sites or in street litter bins is illegal and does not comply with the requirements of the Duty of Care for businesses.

## **WHAT MUST YOU DO TO COMPLY WITH THE DUTY OF CARE?**

**You must ensure that you:**

- store and transport your waste appropriately and securely so it does not escape
- check that your waste is transported and handled by people or businesses that are authorised to do so. If a waste carrier takes your waste away, you may also need to check that the site it is taken to is authorised to accept it
- complete waste transfer notes (WTNs) to document all waste you transfer and keep them as a record for at least two years.

## **HOW TO ARRANGE A TRADE WASTE COLLECTION FROM YOUR BUSINESS**

Contact the Trade Waste Officer for further information:

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