

Business environmental update

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Latest guidance from the Environment Agency to help you keep up to date.

New environmental legislation

New legislation includes:

- The Packaging (Essential Requirements) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 SI 2212
- The Nitrate Pollution Prevention (Designation and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2013 SI 2619
- The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (Prescribed Documents and Information for Verification of Name and Address) Regulations 2013 SI 2276
- The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 (Prescribed Relevant Offences and Relevant Enforcement Action) Regulations 2013 SI 2258
- The Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 SI 1970

> See our lists of new and future legislation

Changes to site waste management plan regulation

You will no longer be required by law to prepare a site waste management plan (SWMP) from 1 December 2013. However, SWMPs may still be required by BREEAM, the planning permission or by the main contractor or client.

Even if you don't need to produce one, completing a SWMP will help you to handle your materials and waste correctly, helping you reduce and save money in the process.

> Read about the changes to SWMP regulation

> Read about your waste responsibilities

Do you produce aggregates from inert waste?

If you turn inert waste such as concrete or sand into aggregates, make sure you are up to date with the latest guidance. The revised Quality Protocol (QP) for aggregates from inert waste sets out criteria to be followed for recovery and use.

Some of the changes include:

- the latest approved industry standards (including factory production control)
- a definitive list of acceptable waste inputs

> [Read the Quality Protocol for the production of aggregates from inert waste](#)

Don't lose out on business to waste criminals

Are you a business owner or a landowner? Do you know if your waste goes to a legal waste site?

Illegal waste sites and waste crime are costing businesses millions of pounds every year – read more in our waste crime report.

If you know about or suspect criminal activity – report it to us on our incident hotline: 0800 80 70 60 or anonymously to Crimestoppers 0800 555 111.

> [Read our waste crime report](#)

Incidents at hazardous waste management facilities

Do you operate a hazardous waste site? Is it safe?

This report on incidents at hazardous waste sites reveals the experiences of others who have had fires, explosions, toxic gas emissions, bund failures and other incidents so that you can prevent them occurring on your site.

If you have an environmental permit you must take all necessary measures to prevent accidents on your site and to limit their effects.

> [Read about incidents at hazardous waste management facilities](#)

Are you meeting your construction targets?

Use WRAP's set of resource efficiency benchmarks to assess your current performance. The benchmarks will help to define targets for improvement, to reduce the amount of waste produced and save money.

The benchmarks feature seven metrics:

- waste produced
- recycled content of materials used
- embodied carbon in materials & construction activities
- fossil fuel consumed
- fresh water used
- total materials used

- primary materials used

> **Read the resource efficiency benchmarks for construction projects**

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