

Handy Home Force



Waste Disposal Policy Statement

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1. Introduction

Handy Home Force is committed to processing waste in accordance with its responsibilities under current Government regulations.

2. Responsibilities

Handy Home Force has a responsibility to do the following:

- Keep waste to a minimum by doing everything reasonably possible to prevent, reuse, recycle or recover waste (in that order).
- Sort and store waste safely and securely
- Check if the waste carrier/disposal site is registered to dispose of waste.
- Not allow the waste carrier to dispose of the waste illegally.

3. Hazardous waste

Waste is considered 'hazardous' under environmental legislation (The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005) when it contains substances or has properties that might make it harmful to human health or the environment. This does not necessarily mean it is an immediate risk to human health, although some waste can be. Examples of hazardous waste can include but is not limited to:

- asbestos
- chemicals, such as brake fluid or print toner
- batteries
- solvents
- pesticides
- oils (except edible ones), such as car oil
- equipment containing ozone depleting substances, like fridges
- hazardous waste containers

For a full list of materials considered as hazardous refer to the Government web site:

<https://www.gov.uk/how-to-classify-different-types-of-waste/construction-and-demolition-waste>

Method statements for the disposal of waste such as paints, solvents and fillers are available separately from Handy Home Force.

All hazardous waste will be taken to a registered licenced site for disposal in accordance with the regulations.

4. Battery waste

The disposal of batteries is covered by The Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009. Handy Home Force will dispose of all batteries either from their own supply or from the clients site in accordance with these regulations. All batteries will be taken to a registered site for disposal.

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5. WEEE waste

The Waste Electric and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations 2013 became law in the UK on the 1st of January 2014 and replaced the 2006 Regulations. The new Regulations transpose the main provisions of Directive 2012/19/EU on WEEE which recasts the previous Directive 2002/96/EC. These regulations also provide for a wider range of products to be covered by the Directive with effect from 1st January 2019. Items covered by the regulations include but is not limited to the following:

- Large household appliances e.g. fridges, cookers, microwaves, washing machines and dishwashers.
- Small household appliances e.g. vacuum cleaners, irons, toasters and clocks
- IT and telecommunications equipment – e.g. personal computers, copying equipment, telephones and pocket calculators'
- Consumer equipment e.g. radios, televisions, hi-fi equipment, camcorders and musical instruments'
- Electrical and electronic tools – e.g. drills, saws and sewing machines, electric lawnmowers
- Toys, leisure and sports equipment e.g. electric trains, games consoles and running machines
- Monitoring and control equipment e .g. smoke detectors, thermostats and heating regulators
- Automatic dispensers e.g. hot drinks dispensers and money dispensers

All WEEE waste will be taken to a registered licenced site for disposal in accordance with the regulations.

6. Garden waste

All garden waste will be either placed in the clients garden waste bin, on their compost heap or taken from site and disposed of by Handy Home Force in an ecologically sound way.

7. General waste

Any other waste will be disposed of in the correct manner and in line with appropriate legislation / regulations either at an approved recycling point or at worst case in landfill.

END OF POLICY