

Dear Customer,

Skip and Waste – New Changes and Charges from 1st October 2023

We are writing to inform you of the latest changes and updates to legislation regarding waste, impacting what can and can't go into our skips and be tipped.

RPS250 Withdrawal

From the 1st September 2023, the Environment Agency withdrew RPS250, meaning there is a possibility that some wood products are now classed as hazardous. Primarily, wood products from pre-2007 buildings will no longer be processed as non-hazardous material except if prior testing has been conducted. The evidence has come from over five years of research by the WRA and UK regulators to narrow the list of potentially hazardous C & D amber items.

Potential hazardous C & D amber items, mainly from pre-2007 buildings, include:

- Barge Boards
- External Fascia
- Soffit Boards
- External Joinery
- External Doors
- Roof Timber
- Tiling Cladding
- Tiling Battens
- Timber Frames
- Timber Joists

All the items above will now be added to our unacceptable items list, and for CMEC 4 to accept these items, we must have evidence that the products are not hazardous. If these items are collected in our skips, the Customer will be charged additional charges.

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)

We would also like to remind you about Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs); earlier this year, the Environment Agency issued a new legislation stating that upholstered furniture can no longer be disposed of at landfill sites. Alternatively, these soft furnishings must be safely disposed of through incineration. Upholstered items have been found to contain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), which are harmful to the environment, wildlife and humans if not disposed of safely.

Items containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) include:

- Sofas, sofa beds, armchairs, futons, pouffes
- Kitchen, bedroom and dining room chairs
- Footstools
- Office chairs, upholstered garden chairs
- Bean bags, floor cushions and sofa cushions

As we wrote in January, this legislation means that CMEC 4 can no longer accept these items within skips or loads of general waste. These items must be disposed of separately from other waste, requiring segregated processing, haulage and disposal routes.

All incoming waste containers are subject to inspection, and should any be found to be contaminated with upholstered furniture, then a non-conformance charge of £75.00 per seat, i.e., chair £75.00, two-seater sofa £150.00, three-seater sofa £225.00, etc.

Accepted and Unaccepted Waste Streams in Our Skips

Please see below an abbreviated list of the accepted and unaccepted waste streams in our skips, but please look over and revise the full list of accepted and unaccepted waste streams in our skips that is attached to this email:

Accepted	Unaccepted
Non-Hazardous Wood Products	Paints, Oils and Lubricants
Green Waste	Tyres
Bricks and Concrete	Aerosols
Scrap Metal	Gas Canisters and Cylinders
Plastics	Hazardous Waste
Paper	Asbestos
Cardboard	Fridges and Freezers
Furniture: Non - Upholstered	Kitchen and Animal Waste
Clean as Dug Soils	Plasterboard – Please enquire about plasterboard disposal

ANY ITEMS ON THE UNACCEPTED LIST FOUND IN OUR SKIPS WILL BE CHARGED A NON-CONFORMANCE CHARGE.

Plasterboard falls into the hazardous waste category due to its high gypsum content, giving it a high putrefaction risk – Plasterboard is also banned from landfill sites and must be disposed of separately. CMEC 4 DO NOT accept plasterboard in our skips; however, we can provide skip and services for disposing of plasterboard. If plasterboard is found in our skips, customers will be charged a non-conformance charge.

Kind Regards,



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