# **Business Waste - What you need to know**

All waste generated by your business is regulated by law. This applies to all businesses no matter how small. The legislation you need to comply with is there to keep you, others and the environment safe. When waste gets into the wrong hands it can cause environmental damage, fuel criminal activity and become a nuisance to the community.

### Legislation relating to you as a business:

- Pre-treatment Regulations require waste to go through a process to reduce its environmental impact. A simple way to do this is to separate for recycling.
- Duty of Care (Environmental Protection Act) ensures that you do everything you can to look after your waste and keep it safe
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations (WEEE) to dispose of WEEE safely through a designated facility
- Hazardous Waste Regulations ensures that all hazardous waste is separated and treated again at a registered facility

# Prevent Reuse Recycle Recover

### How to comply with the law:

- 1. Keep everything you waste to a minimum
- 2. Separate your waste out and identify the correct route to dispose of each element
- 3. Store any waste securely and do not let it escape into the environment
- 4. Use a registered waste carrier to take your waste away
- 5. Complete a waste transfer notice/s with details of all waste that leaves your site



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## **Circular Economy**

Consider the fact that everything you create and purchase has a value and if you end up throwing things away (even the packaging), you are paying to do so. It makes good business sense to design out waste from all your processes, value all consumables and create a strong circular economy...

What you can do: Actively seek opportunities to prevent waste and keep products in circulation. www.recyclenow.com can offer

many resources and ways to assist in helping your business become part of the circular economy and not part of the problem.



### **Bromsgrove District Council Business Waste Collection Service**

As a local authority we can provide a one stop solution for your business waste needs¹ with a range of solutions that can help you run your business in a fully compliant way. We can collect your general waste as well as the following items for recycling:

Office Paper, Magazines & Newspapers

Cardboard - Flattened

Drinks, Food Cans & Aerosols

Plastic Bottles, Pots, Tubs & Trays (eg. From food packaging)

Tetra Pak style cartons

Glass bottles & Jars

Call us on 01528 881188 for more information

<sup>1\*</sup>please note we are not registered as a hazardous waste service