

We're not talking Rubbish! YOU Produce Hazardous Waste!



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EVERY business is or will in the very near future produce one or more types of hazardous wastes.

Do you realise that:

- Asbestos, most solvents, acids, alkalis, oils, oily rags, many slags and drosses are currently hazardous waste
- In the near future the list will widen to include such common things as Fluorescent tubes, Computer monitors and TV screens, batteries and old cars
- All hazardous liquids are already banned from landfill and all other liquid wastes will eventually be banned.

You have a duty of care to ensure your waste is disposed of correctly.

A Code of Practice providing guidance on what your duties are is available from

www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/management/

Do you know where your Rubbish goes?

- At the moment half of all hazardous wastes goes to landfill.
- **From July 04 there will be no landfill sites in Wales that can take your hazardous waste;** AND from that date, all your hazardous waste has to be treated to reduce its quantity and the hazard it poses before it can be disposed of anywhere.

What should YOU do about the changes?

- You need to assess your wastes to determine if it is or will be hazardous. Guidance is available from www.environment-agency.gov.uk, search for wm2 to get report entitled "Hazardous Waste interpretation of the definition and classification of hazardous waste".
- You may need to seek professional advice or contact your trade association.
- You should segregate your waste into the different types that can be reused or recycled (Your Council's waste team or business environment co-ordinator may be able to advise).
- Netregs -provides information and guidance on the maze of environmental legislation that impacts on small businesses including regulations affecting the management of waste www.environment-agency.gov.uk/netregs/

REDUCING the amount of hazardous waste you produce, or send for disposal will SAVE you money!

Who else can you contact? Contacts for Wales Hazardous Waste Forum members

Environment Agency Wales

www.environment-agency.gov.uk 0845 933 3111

Waste Awareness Wales

www.wasteawarenesswales.org.uk

Arena Network

www.arenanetwork.org.uk 01443 844001

Wales Environmental Services Association

www.esauk.org.uk 0207824 8882

Federation of Small Businesses

www.fsb.org.uk 029 2052 1230

Chemical Industries Association

www.cia.org.uk 0207834 3399

Confederation of British Industry

www.cbi.org.uk 029 2045 3710

Land regeneration network

www.grc.cf.ac.uk/lrn/ 029 2087 6697

Chartered Institution of Wastes Management

www.ciwm.co.uk 01604 620426



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