

## Business waste and the law

Every business, no matter how big or small, is likely to produce waste. Any waste produced by your business or within your workplace is regulated by a number of laws.

## Why do I have to pay for a waste collection?

Business rates do not include provision for the removal of waste from business premises and it is against the law for businesses to dispose of their waste via household waste services.

Waste can be anything you own or your business produces and you want or are required to get rid of.

## Duty of Care

The Duty of Care is a law, which says that you must take all reasonable steps to store waste safely and securely to stop it escaping from your control and causing pollution or harming anyone.

You are specifically responsible for your waste, from when you produce it, until you have transferred it to an authorised person.

The Duty of Care also says you must:

- Store and transport your waste appropriately and securely
- Check that your waste is transported and handled by people or businesses that are authorised to do so (you can check online whether someone is registered to collect your waste by visiting [epr.environment-agency.gov.uk/ePRInternet/searchregisters.aspx](http://epr.environment-agency.gov.uk/ePRInternet/searchregisters.aspx))
- Describe the waste in writing and keep copies of all transfer notes for two years. As part of our commercial waste and recycling service we will supply you with a Duty of Care Waste Transfer Note for the waste we collect from your business.

**If you break the law, you can be fined an unlimited amount.**

## Contact us:

[www.highpeak.gov.uk/hp/trade](http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/hp/trade)



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# Commercial Waste and Recycling Service



Whether you fill a green sack or a big bin – the High Peak commercial waste service is dependable, competitive and responsive to your business needs.

  
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Environmental Services

 **recycle**  
for High Peak

## Why recycle?

- Recycling could save your business money
- Recycling is cheaper than sending your waste for disposal
- Together we can reduce the environmental impact of waste disposal

## What services do we offer?

As well as general rubbish collections our new recycling service collects a range of mixed recyclables.

- Local and reliable service delivery
- Competitive prices – fixed for the year with interest free payment options
- A range of container sizes to suit your needs
- Regular collections including Bank Holidays (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day)
- A flexible range of collection frequencies including seasonal variations
- Extra collections at short notice and additional services available for one off events



	Sack	140	240	360	660	1100	1280
Dimensions (cm)		W 50 D 55 H 110	W 58 D 74 H 110	W 59 D 89 H 110	W 125 D 72 H 131	W125 D 98 H 137	W 126 D 99 H 143
Mixed recycling		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
General rubbish	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

## What can I recycle?

- Glass bottles & jars – please rinse clean and put the lids back on
- Cartons e.g. Tetra Pak
- Paper – office paper (inc. shredded) envelopes, junk mail, newspapers, magazines and telephone directories
- Cardboard
- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays - no black plastic bottles or trays please
- Food tins & drink cans
- Empty aerosols
- Foil

## How much will it cost?

- Exact prices will depend on the size and number of containers you have
- Contact our Commercial Waste Officer for a free, no obligation, waste and recycling quote
- It is cheaper to recycle than throw rubbish away
- If your recycling bin is contaminated with incorrect materials you will have to pay to have it emptied or remove the incorrect items and wait for the next scheduled collection

## Help us to empty your bins

- Ensure waste is as described in the Duty of Care
- Do not include liquid or hazardous wastes for collection
- Provide safe vehicular access to our containers
- Place only acceptable items in your recycling container. We are unable to empty brown bins containing incorrect items
- Ensure your waste is accessible from 6am on the day of collection
- Do not leave any excess waste or recycling for collection unless by prior arrangement
- Report a missed bin within 2 working days otherwise we will be unable to return until the next collection
- Keep bin lids closed at all times and ensure sacks are tied at the necks
- Provide one month's notice in writing if cancelling a contract