

Waste Aware Business Introduction

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can be recycled using Perth & Kinross
Council's Commercial waste collections

Commercial skip hire service

Changes have been made to Perth and Kinross Council's commercial skip hire service. To encourage businesses to recycle more, skips are now available for the following materials:

- Garden
- Inert
- Metals
- Plate Glass
- Textiles
- Timber

A general waste skip hire service is only available to businesses who are achieving a recycling and composting rate of 70%.

Recycling Centres

Businesses are not permitted to dispose of general waste free of charge at Recycling Centres. However, businesses can recycle the following materials free of charge at Recycling Centres:

- Cans (aluminium and steel food and drink cans)
- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Paper
- Plastic milk bottles (natural HDPE)
- Plastic drinks bottles (PET)

For further information please contact the Perth & Kinross Council commercial waste team on:

☎ 01738 476476

✉ recycle@pkc.gov.uk

🌐 www.pkc.gov.uk/recycling

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This leaflet will provide an overview of some of the waste issues that may affect your business. For more in-depth advice and assistance please contact a member of Perth & Kinross Council's commercial waste team. ☎ 01738 476476

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Why should you change the way you dispose of your business waste?

Sending waste to landfill has a significant environmental, social and economic impact. Much of the waste that we throw away is a valuable resource and can be reused or recycled. Many businesses in Perth & Kinross are now incorporating the key principles of the waste hierarchy (Reduce Reuse Recycle) into their waste management and day to day operations. By reducing, reusing and recycling your business waste you can save money as well as help to save the Earth's natural resources, reducing the risk of climate change and the need for landfill sites. You will also be providing opportunities for local charities, voluntary groups and businesses to collect, reuse and reprocess materials.

What is landfill tax and how does it affect your business?

Landfill tax was introduced in order to reduce the amount of waste that we send to landfill. The aim is to encourage all of us to use more sustainable methods of waste disposal in order to minimise environmental effects.

Your business pays landfill tax as a proportion of your commercial waste disposal cost. Landfill tax is set to increase annually from £40 per tonne in 2009 to £72 per tonne in 2013.

Reducing, reusing and recycling more materials more often will help your business reduce its landfill tax liability and lower the impact your business has on the environment.

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How does waste legislation affect your business?

The range of legislation that affects your business will depend on the type of waste you produce. Waste strategy is developed at a European level and then implemented in the U.K through legislation or financial incentives.

The legislation governing waste, whether it is production, transport, storage or disposal is strictly controlled. This helps manage waste in a safe and sustainable way.

The main legislation that affects business is:

- Landfill Directive and Regulation
- Duty of Care for Waste
- Hazardous Waste Directive and Special Waste Regulations

Other legislation will apply to your business depending on the sector you work in and there are specialist rules governing certain materials.

As legislation is continually changing, it is important that your business gets the most up to date information.

How can your business reduce, reuse and recycle more materials more often?

Regardless of the size of your business there are a variety of options that will help you to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste.

- There are many low cost or no cost measures which your business can implement that will reduce your waste. Perth & Kinross Council can provide advice and assistance on the best options for your business
- Some of your waste may be reused or refurbished either by your business or other organisations. There are services and collections available across Perth & Kinross which allow a range of materials to be reused.
- A range of collections and services are available to allow your business to recycle. This includes collections for materials such as cans, cardboard, garden waste, glass, paper and polythene. Facilities for recycling a wide array of items are also available.