

# What does our business need to do to comply with the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012?

All businesses, private, public, and third sector, big and small, must take the following actions:

Your business must recycle metal, plastic, glass, paper and card from **1 January 2014**.

## Food collection

Businesses which process, prepare or distribute food will also need to present their food waste for collection.

- If you produce over **50 kg** of food waste per week, you must present it for separate collection from **1 January 2014**.
- If you produce over **5 kg** of food waste per week (approximately one 10 litre food caddy) you will need to present your food waste by **1 January 2016**.
- By **1 January 2016**, where food collections are available, it will be illegal to dispose of food into a public drain or sewer, for example by using a macerator.

## What should I do now?

The Regulations come into effect 1 January 2014, and you'll find it pays to be prepared.

You have a Duty of Care to ensure your waste is handled in line with the new Regulations and are encouraged to speak to your waste contractor. They will be able to explain how they will collect your waste in a way that complies with the Regulations and the cost of that service. You could also contact other waste management services to see who will offer your business the best value for money.

You can search for waste management services operating in your area in the Business Reuse and Recycling Directory online.

You may secure an even better deal on your waste collection service by joining forces with other businesses in your immediate area.

## Where can I find out more?

There is a wealth of information available online about your responsibilities under the new Regulations. As well as a Frequently Asked Questions section, a rural business postcode finder and video case studies, you will find many helpful tips on how to implement the new Regulations and maximise the benefits for your business.

For free advice and support on meeting the new Regulations and how to save money, visit [www.resourceefficientscotland.com](http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com)

Alternatively, email [enquiries@resourceefficientscotland.com](mailto:enquiries@resourceefficientscotland.com) or call the helpline on **0808 808 2268**

## Are you a rural business?

Rural food businesses are exempt from separating food waste. It is your responsibility to check if your business is classed as rural and you can do this easily online using the postcode finder tool on our website. If you are exempt, you may still want to examine the economic benefits of food recycling.



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## The law on waste is changing for all businesses in Scotland.

From 1 January 2014 the Waste (Scotland) Regulations mean that all organisations, big or small, will have to recycle their plastic, metal, glass, paper and card or risk a fine. Most food businesses will also have to recycle food waste.



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