



Tool Box Talk

Focus on Performance

Waste

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What?

Interserve recognises that the construction industry is a major contributor to UK total waste. We have committed to reducing the overall amount of waste we produce, and to diverting wastes from landfill for re-use or recycling where possible.

Why?

Causing unnecessary waste is inefficient and wastes resources. Disposing of materials which could be used costs money and uses up space in landfill sites.

The legal rules for waste require it to be disposed of safely and in a manner which doesn't harm the environment. There are legal requirements for recording waste disposal termed the waste 'duty of care'. This also includes segregating hazardous wastes (such as batteries, asbestos, waste oils) from non-hazardous wastes (timber, metals, plastics, canteen waste).

How?

- Ensure waste is placed in the correct skip.
- Never overfill skips. If skips are full, report to your supervisor or the site management team.
- If there are skips made available for recycling, ensure only correct materials are placed in that skip.
- Personal or canteen waste must be placed in the bins provided.
- Do not leave any waste on site or accept waste from any third party.
- Ensure any waste removed from site (including skips, tree waste and excavated material) is collected by a licensed waste carrier and taken to a licensed waste management facility.
- Ensure that a waste transfer note has been completed for all waste being removed from site.
- Never mix non-hazardous and hazardous wastes in the same skip. Hazardous wastes have dangerous properties (for example poisonous, explosive, corrosive). If you are unsure, ask for assistance.
- Segregate waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) and ensure it is removed by a licensed waste carrier for treatment and recycling.



Questions

1. What piece of documentation must be completed for waste leaving site?
2. What wastes might be hazardous?
3. What should you do if skips need emptying?

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