

# Waste management guidance

## Guidance for managing waste on your vessel

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**Managing the waste you produce in a safe and controlled way will ensure that your waste is handled correctly and recycled or disposed of appropriately.**

### Your waste: Your responsibility

The waste you produce on your vessel must be removed by a waste carrier licenced by the Environment Agency. Upon collection of the waste, whether general domestic or commercial waste or recyclables such as glass, cans, paper and plastic you must receive paperwork. This paperwork is known as a Duty of Care waste transfer note and must be retained for two years. This ticket must contain specific information including:

- Name of the waste carrier
- Waste carriers licence number
- Description of the waste, including a six digit List of Waste code
- The name of the site where the waste will be taken to for recycling or disposal
- Volume or weight of the waste

An accurate description of the waste is required by the legislation and failure to do this may lead to your waste being disposed of inappropriately. If your waste is collected by an unauthorised carrier and not disposed of correctly you, as the producer of the waste, may face enforcement action. If you fail to complete your duty of care with regards to your waste there are a range of sanctions available including, ultimately, prosecution. It is a legal requirement to produce duty of care paperwork when collecting waste. Failure to register as a waste carrier when required is a criminal offence and can lead to a fine of up to £5000. Your waste must be stored safely and securely at all times, including at the site of production and when being transported. If the waste you produce is classified as hazardous waste then further waste controls apply. There is more information on your duty of care with regards to waste at:

<https://www.gov.uk/environmental-management/waste>

All waste must be disposed of, treated or recycled at an authorised facility. These facilities must have an environmental permit or an exemption to operate from the Environment Agency. You can check if a facility has a permit, or if the waste carrier removing your waste has a licence on the public register at:

<https://www.gov.uk/access-the-public-register-for-environmental-information> or

<https://www.wastecarriersregistration.service.gov.uk/registrations/search>

