

SEGREGATION OF WASTE

Segregating waste into hazardous, non-hazardous and inert waste types for disposal can help minimise costs and maximise the opportunities for recovery and recycling of wastes.

It is illegal to mix hazardous waste with other waste types. You could be fined up to £50,000 and imprisoned for up to 5 years.

Incorrectly disposing of hazardous waste could cause water pollution and damage habitats.

Landfills and waste treatment centres are specially designed to be able to handle specific wastes without causing environmental harm.

Segregating wastes can minimise landfill tax and can also allow certain types of waste to be recycled and reused on site.



Mixed



Inert

DO

- ✓ Segregate wastes into different types
- ✓ Use enclosed or covered skips or stockpile excavation wastes carefully
- ✓ Ask your line manager for advice if you are unsure about correct waste segregation on site.



DON'T

- ✗ **DON'T** mix different types of waste.
- ✗ **DON'T** put liquids and flammable wastes (aerosols) into skips.

EXPLOSIVE

FLAMMABLE

OXIDISING



CORROSIVE

**ACUTE
TOXICITY**



You'll see that the old 'harmful/irritant' symbol is missing. This has been replaced by the exclamation mark pictogram.



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