

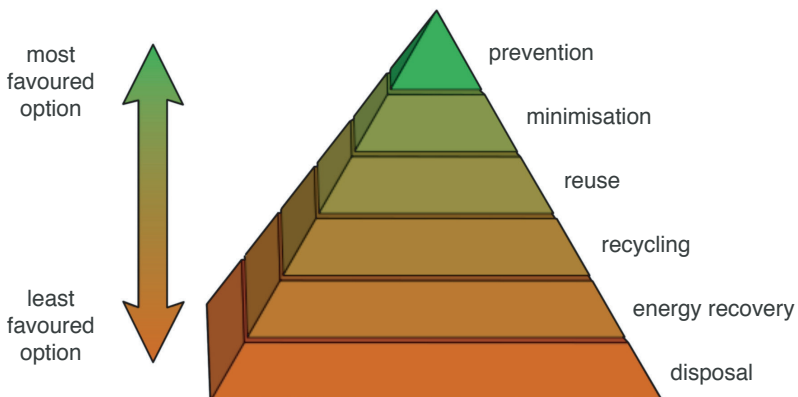
Reduction, reuse and re-cycling of waste minimises the environmental impacts of disposal of waste to landfill. To minimise waste we must: Firstly **Prevent** the waste if we can. Secondly **Reuse** waste materials and only then **Recycle** the waste. Only if we can't recycle can we send them for **Recovery**, such as energy recovery and finally **Dispose** of the waste to landfill as a last resort.

## DO

- ✓ Eliminate unnecessary wastage by storing materials neatly on flat solid ground to avoid damage and loss.
- ✓ Reduce the amount of waste you create on site.
- ✓ Keep materials in their packaging for as long as possible to protect them from damage.
- ✓ Keep significant offcuts for use elsewhere.
- ✓ Reuse materials until no longer fit for purpose, for example, shuttering, fencing.
- ✓ Then reuse materials for alternative purposes for example, use old shuttering ply for hoardings.
- ✓ Recycle materials whenever possible.
- ✓ Segregate waste on site into different types.
- ✓ Store waste safely in the appropriate skip or container until removed from site.

## DON'T

- ✗ DON'T put waste materials into the wrong waste container.
- ✗ DON'T open new cans or pallets before the ones in use are empty.
- ✗ DON'T leave materials unprotected and where they are likely to be damaged by, for example, rain or mud.
- ✗ DON'T burn or bury waste – it's illegal.
- ✗ DON'T mix different types of waste – it prevents recycling.



Segregating wastes 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.

## DO

- ✓ Segregate wastes into the 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



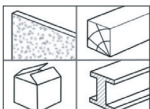
Acute Toxicity



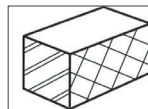
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Health Hazard/  
Hazardous to the Ozone Layer



## Mixed

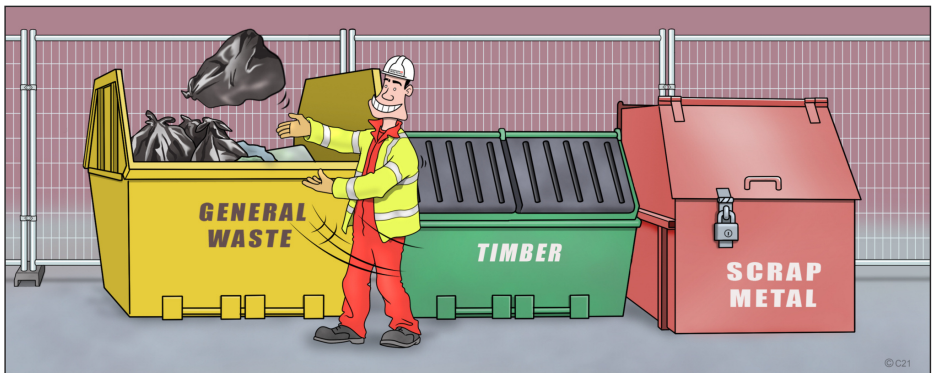


## Inert

EWC code: 17 09 04 - Mixed construction waste.

EWC code: 17 03 02 Tarmac.

EWC code: 17 05 04 Soil and stones.



It is the duty of all waste producers to prevent their waste escaping into the environment. The segregation of waste into separate containers or stockpiles can lead to lower costs by:

- reducing disposal costs and landfill tax payments through preventing the contamination of inactive wastes by active wastes.
- maximising the potential for reusing and recycling materials.
- making it easier to see how much of each type of waste is being produced and hence where efforts to reduce waste need to be targeted.

## DO

- ✓ Keep sites tidy and collect up any waste regularly.
- ✓ Use waste containers, skips or bays suitable for the type of waste being stored.
- ✓ Use skips with lids or cover them with sheets or nets to prevent dust and litter being blown out.
- ✓ Check that containers and skips are not corroded or worn out to minimize the risk of accidental spillages or leaks.
- ✓ Mark waste stores clearly with their intended contents and ensure labels on containers are kept in good order.
- ✓ Segregate waste before putting it into the designated containers.

## DON'T

- ✗ DON'T throw materials into the wrong container or stockpile.
- ✗ DON'T contaminate one waste type with another.
- ✗ DON'T overfill skips or bays.
- ✗ DON'T give waste away, all waste taken off site needs to be accompanied by paperwork.
- ✗ DON'T damage covers over, or bunds around, any skips or containers.
- ✗ DON'T burn or bury waste – it's illegal.