

## Are you compliant with the new waste pre-treatment requirement?

*The new pre-treatment requirement of the landfill legislation came into force on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007. Are you aware of your legal obligations? Are you compliant?*

### The requirement

The requirement is that all waste must be treated to reduce its quantity and/ or its environmental impact before being disposed of in landfill sites. The Environment Agency is putting the onus on you, the waste producer, to treat waste at source or to pay a specialist to treat your waste for you.

Treatment is defined by the Environment Agency using a 'three-point test':

1. It must be a physical, thermal, chemical or biological process (this includes sorting)
2. It must change the characteristics of the waste
3. It must do so in order to
  - a. Reduce its quantity
  - b. Reduce its hazardous nature
  - c. Facilitate its handling or
  - d. Enhance recovery

### What this means to you

As a waste producer, you need to ensure that your waste is pre-treated before it goes to landfill. You have two main options:

- Treat the waste yourself by sorting your waste on-site (that is, by separating recyclables from non-recyclables)
- Or ensure your recycling and waste management provider treats your waste on your behalf

The landfill operator has a legal obligation to ensure that the waste being disposed of in their landfill site has been pre-treated. You should not assume that your recycling and waste management provider will treat your waste for you, many providers will charge you a fee to do so.

### How Bywaters can help

Our unique Bicycler 'recycling' system is designed to make segregation at source easy for you – giving you peace of mind and improving your environmental performance. If you are unable to sort your waste yourself, we already treat the waste we collect from our customers' sites at our waste transfer station in accordance with the new requirement – and we do not charge extra for this service.



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