

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE NEW SEPARATION OF WASTE REGULATIONS

Act now to ensure compliance and avoid penalties

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THE NEW LEGISLATION EXPLAINED

The English and Welsh Governments have introduced 'Simpler Recycling' initiatives across England and Wales, aimed at improving business and household recycling rates by standardising practices.

Under this legislation, food waste must not be sent to landfill or included in general waste disposal and certain recyclable materials must be combined in a single bin to enhance recycling efficiency and reduce landfill waste.

Depending on where you are located, the requirements are a little different and will develop over time.

THE CURRENT LAW STATES:

In England, businesses with 10+ employees must comply with the new [Separation of Waste Regulations 2024](#) and create 4 separate Waste Streams.

In Wales, all businesses except NHS and Private Hospitals must comply with the new [Waste Separation Requirements \(Wales\) Regulations 2023](#) and create 7 separate Waste Streams.

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THE NEW LEGISLATION EXPLAINED - TIMELINES

Over the coming months and years, the requirements will expand as follows:

ENGLAND **TIMELINE**



31 March 2025 Businesses with 10 or more employees must separately collect three recyclable waste streams alongside general waste: Dry Recyclables (glass, metal, plastic), Paper & Card and Food Waste.



31 March 2026 All households must separately collect three recyclable waste streams alongside general waste: Dry Recyclables (glass, metal, plastic), Paper & Card and Food Waste.



October 2026 Mandatory digital waste tracking will be introduced for permitted and licensed waste receiving sites.



31 March 2027 – Micro-firms with fewer than 10 employees must separately collect three recyclable waste streams alongside general waste: Dry Recyclables (glass, metal, plastic), Paper & Card and Food Waste.



31 March 2027 All businesses and households must also separately collect plastic film packaging from general waste.

WALES **TIMELINE**



6 April 2024 All workplaces must separately present and collect 6 recyclable waste streams alongside general waste: Metal, Plastic & Cartons, Paper & Card, Glass, Unsold Textiles, and Unsold Small Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (sWEEE), and Food Waste if the premises produce ≥ 5 kg in any seven-day period.



6 April 2026 All workplaces, including NHS hospitals and private hospitals, must comply with the full separation requirements and separate all small waste electrical and electronic equipment (sWEEE), not just unsold sWEEE.

WHY THE NEW LEGISLATION IS IMPORTANT?

There will be financial as well as environmental implications for those who do not comply with the new legislation.

- In England, **the Environment Agency can serve a non-compliance notice** against either the workplace or the waste collector, depending on the circumstances of the non-compliance. Failure to comply with a compliance notice is an offence and the Environment Agency will consider what action to take in accordance with their [Enforcement and Sanctions Policy](#)
- From 1 April 2025, **Landfill Tax rose by 21.1%**, incentivising businesses to recycle in order to reduce costs. In general, recycling costs less than waste disposal.
- The separation of waste into different recycling streams will boost the UK's sustainability efforts as it moves towards a **zero waste, circular economy**.

THE WASTE STREAMS YOU NEED TO COMPLY



GENERAL WASTE



FOOD WASTE



PAPER & CARDBOARD



DRY RECYCLING
(glass, metal, plastic)

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GENERAL WASTE



FOOD WASTE
>5kg



METAL, PLASTIC & CARTONS



GLASS



PAPER & CARDBOARD



UNSOLD TEXTILES



UNSOLD WEEE

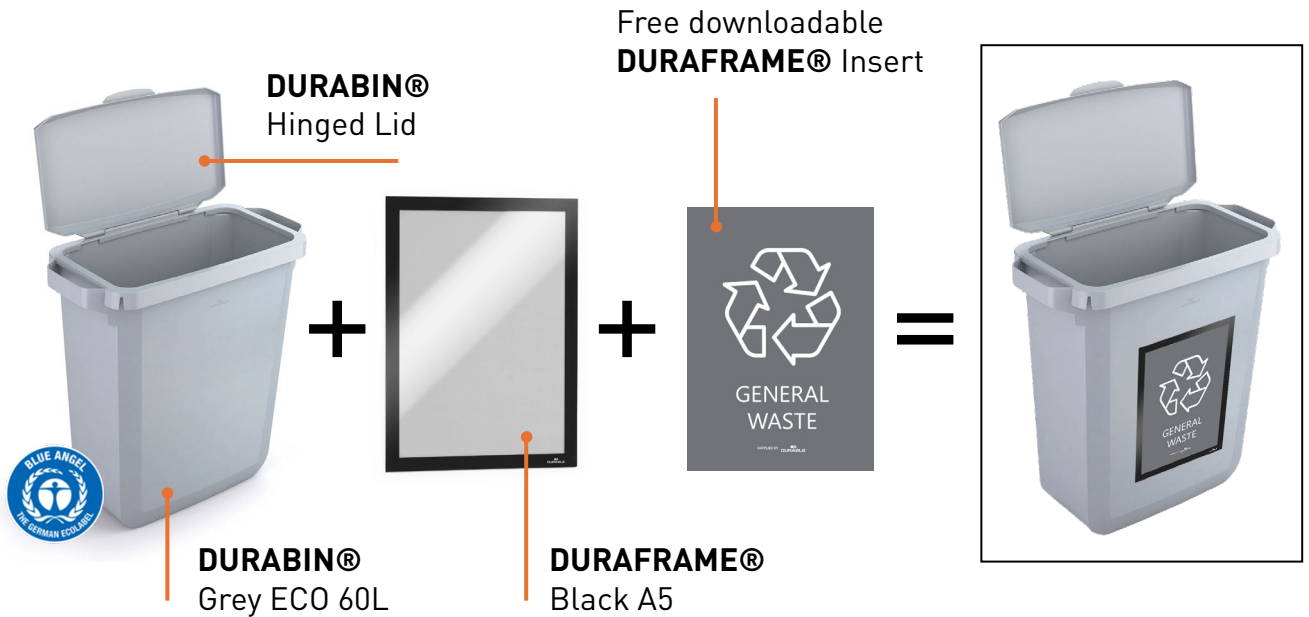
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OUR RECOMMENDED SOLUTION

Identify your waste streams using **DURABIN® in combination with DURAFRAME®** to clearly colour code and label your bins, making it easy for your employees to support compliance



Our **modular system** allows you to completely customise your solution with your choice of bin, lid and signage, which are available in a range of different colours and sizes.

Choose from a wide range of options >>

CUSTOMISE OUR MODULAR SOLUTION TO YOUR NEEDS

DURABIN® 60L

Available in a variety of colours, with Black and Grey also offered in versions made from >80% Blue Angel certified recycled material



DURABIN® 60L

Hinged Lid



DURABIN® 60L

Hinged Lid with apertures



DURAFRAME®

Black A5

(other colours and sizes available)



ACCESSORIES

DURABIN® 60L Trolley

Trolley with connectors and 2 brakes. Made from 80% recycled materials (except the swivel castors)



Waste Bag 110L for DURABIN® 60L

Translucent Bin bag made of 100% Blue Angel Certified recycled material and 100% recyclable



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THE BENEFITS OF THE DURABLE MODULAR SOLUTION

CUSTOMISED SOLUTION

With such a wide range of bins and lids with varying capacities, you can cater for your waste levels in different areas of the workplace, plus, you can accessorise with trolleys and waste bags for efficient disposal

COLOUR CODING & SIGNAGE

Avoid costly mistakes by clearly identifying different waste streams using coloured lids and signs. Clear waste bags make it easier to see the contents at a glance and identify any incorrectly separated waste.

MADE IN GERMANY, BUILT TO LAST

Waste separation requirements will increase over the coming years, so choosing a long-lasting solution now will save additional costs later



THE BENEFITS OF DURABIN®

Easy to handle, empty and clean.

Bevelled to prevent a vacuum when stacking



Notches for securing bin liners

Ergonomic handles and base



'Double Your Impact' Recycle with a Recycled Bin



made from >80% Blue Angel

Need a smaller or larger bin?

Choose from 40L, 60L & 90L



THE BENEFITS OF DURAFRAME®

Combine your bins with DURAFRAME® to clearly identify waste streams

DURAFRAME® A4
For 90L or 60L Bin Front Facing

DURAFRAME® A5
For 40L or 60L Bin Side Facing



Self Adhesive backing
– just peel and stick

Ready Made Inserts make creating signage simple (see next page)

Inserts can be changed easily using the magnetic frame closure



Choose from a range of sizes and colours



Spread the message

Why not use DURAFRAME® poster sizes to highlight the Waste Legislation requirements in your business? Or to identify your recycling stations?



KEY INFORMATION

What does this include?

- In Wales, from 4th April 2024, it is mandatory that businesses producing waste must separate recyclable materials before collection and ensure they remain separate during processing
- In England, from March 2025, businesses with 10+ full-time employees must comply with new commercial recycling regulations (as per page 3).

How to Prepare:

- Audit your waste to identify areas for improvement
- Train employees to ensure they follow the new rules
- Use clear labelling to help employees identify and separate waste correctly
- Review contracts to align waste management services with the new regulations
- Reduce waste to cut costs and improve sustainability

Why Is It Important?

- Boost sustainability efforts
- Avoid fines and reduce costs
- Engage employees in green initiatives

FREE SIGN INSERTS TO CLEARLY IDENTIFY BIN USE

A coloured lid is helpful, but to **avoid costly mistakes** and ensure your staff recycle their waste in the correct bins rather than defaulting to the general waste stream, **use clear and colourful signage**

ENGLAND SIGN INSERTS



WALES SIGN INSERTS



[Download Our Ready-Made Inserts Here >>](#)

OUR 4 WASTE STREAM SOLUTION FOR ENGLAND

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DURABIN 60L GREY 

GREY HINGED LID

GENERAL WASTE

- General waste
- Non-recyclable plastics



DURABIN 60L GREY 

YELLOW HINGED LID

FOOD WASTE

- Fruit & veg scraps
- Organic waste & leftovers

Smaller Bin options available



DURABIN 60L GREY 

BLUE HINGED LID WITH SLOT

PAPER & CARDBOARD

- All paper and card
- Some waste collectors may want this separated further



DURABIN 60L GREY 

GREEN HINGED LID WITH 2 HOLES

DRY RECYCLING

- Glass bottles & jars
- Metal cans & tins
- Recyclable plastics

OUR 7 WASTE STREAM SOLUTION FOR WALES

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METAL, PLASTIC & CARTONS

- Metal cans & tins
- Recyclable plastics
- Drink cartons




DURABIN 60L GREY 

BLACK LID

GLASS

- Bottles & jars



DURABIN 60L BLACK 

GREY LID

UNSOLD SWEET

- Phones, laptops, small appliances



DURABIN 60L BLACK 

BLACK LID

UNSOLD TEXTILES

- Clothes, home textiles, carpets, rugs & mattresses