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Dear Sir/Madam

Separate Waste Collection Requirements - Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 as amended.

What is happening? Information for Waste Collection Service Providers and Waste Facility Operators.

As you may already know, the 2011 regulations on Separate Collections comes into effect in Wales on 1st January 2015. These regulation impose new minimum levels of service on your company/organisation and are intended to ensure we maximise the economic opportunities associated with high quality material recycling.

We want to ensure you are aware of the requirements and to help you explain these requirements to your customers.

Our expectations

The 2011 Regulations require waste collectors to take all reasonable steps to ensure that waste is managed in a manner that promotes high quality recycling, and that their commercial customers have an adequate waste collection service.

As a minimum we expect waste collection service providers to –

1. Provide a co-mingled recyclable materials collection service in circumstances where separate collection does not appear practicable;
2. Avoid fully co-mingled collection systems which include both paper and glass;
3. Ensure their commercial customers have a residual waste bin for non-recyclable materials;
4. Ensure their commercial customers know what materials are recyclable and how the material is to be presented for collection;
5. Undertake regular checks of recycling bins for contamination and provide feedback to customers in order to maintain or improve the quality of material collected.

Collection service providers who wish to offer a co-mingled service which combines paper and glass must provide us with evidence to demonstrate that the quantity and quality of waste recycled is not significantly less than that which would result from separate collection.

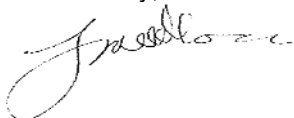
Waste facility operators must ensure that where waste has been separately collected, it is not mixed with other waste or other material with different properties. We would take action if non-recyclable material was deliberately and/or knowingly collected with co-mingled recyclables or other separately collected recyclables as the mixing of the target recyclables with other waste that cannot be recycled does not comply with the 2011 Regulations. Customers producing non-recyclable wastes must be provided with a general waste bin.

Early in 2015 we will write to you asking you to submit information on your current collection methods. Where you do not collect separately, we will ask how you have applied the practicability and necessity tests. These will be recorded and may be used to indicate how well we believe you comply with the requirements and whether any improvements are believed necessary.

Further information

For further information on the regulations visit our website – www.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,



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