

## Household Waste Recycling Site Acceptance Policy

### 1.0 Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRS) in Brighton and Hove.

These sites offer a service for residents to dispose of their own Household waste. They are located on Modbury Way (Leighton Road) in Hove and on Wilsons Avenue in Brighton. Each site receives around 20,000 visitors a month on average and recycles over 50% of waste that comes in. The HWRS are important facilities in the city for residents and contribute to reaching national recycling targets. Both HWRS are managed by Veolia South Downs on behalf of the council.

As a Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) Brighton and Hove City Council have a duty under the Environmental Protection act 1990 (EPA) to make provisions for such a service, the act states:

Part II, section 51 (i)(b)

*It shall be the duty of each disposal authority to arrange for places to be provided at which persons resident in its area may deposit their own household waste.*

There are limits to the waste types and amounts that can be brought for disposal. There are further restrictions to the nature of the waste and waste that is not from a household source cannot be accepted. Furthermore, the waste management licence permitted by the Environment Agency, restricts the waste levels and types that can be disposed on site. Finally, planning conditions, especially at Hove, restricts the levels of operation and how the site is used.

The council does not accept waste arisen from non Brighton and Hove residents.

### 2.0 Aim:

A Waste acceptance policy is needed to give guidance to residents of Brighton and Hove of what they can and cannot dispose of at the HWRS. It will clearly communicate what we will accept and help the city council to enforce any breaches of policy under the EPA.

This policy will set out clear guidelines of:

- What waste is accepted
- What levels of waste is accepted
- Vehicles allowed to deliver waste
- Site user rules
- What we will do you for
- What we expect from you

This policy will help:

- Improve site safety
- Improve customer relations
- Increase recycling thereby reducing waste needing disposal
- Reduce waste disposal costs
- Minimise trade and commercial waste abuse

### 3.0 Householders Duty of Care

Any person who produces waste has a legal 'Duty of Care' under the EPA section 34 to ensure waste is transported and disposed in a safe manner. Disposing of waste also includes recycling.

If the waste comes from a household source, the duty of care law applies to that householder. If waste is given to someone else, they must make sure that they are a Registered Waste Carrier and therefore authorised to remove it and dispose of it in a responsible manner.

For further information on Registered Waste Carriers please contact the Environment Agency.

### 4.0 Waste:

Household waste can be described as the items that would be taken when moving house. The table below lists the household materials that can be recycled at HWRS, for example.

Waste type	Brighton	Hove
paper	X	X
glass	X	X
cans	X	X
cardboard	X	X
plastic bottles	X	X
TV/monitors	X	X
Small electrical Items	X	X
Large electrical items	X	X
Fridges/Freezers	X	X
engine oil	X	X
vegetable oil	X	X
textiles	X	X
tyres		X
gas bottles		X
asbestos*		X
plasterboard*	X	X
timber	X	X
MDF/wood composites	X	X
hardcore/rubble*	X	X
soil*	X	X
scrap metal	X	X
household batteries	X	X
car batteries	X	X
fluorescent tubes	X	X
garden waste	X	X
paint	X	X
CD and Books		X

Household hazardous chemicals**	X	X
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\* restrictions apply, please see section 4.1

\*\* Only household chemicals are accepted and must be contained safely – more details can be obtained by calling the customer helpline 08453 550 550.

For more information, check the Brighton and Hove website [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

There are large variations to the different types of waste residents may need to dispose of. Legislations do not specifically list materials to define household and non household waste. Each WDA use their judgement to make a reasonable a decision as to what they will and will not accept.

Waste that is from a household source but originates from renovation, repair, improvement or alterations to a property, is not classified as household waste and the council does not have a duty accept disposal of this waste.

#### 4.1 Under the Controlled Waste Regulations 1992

*Waste arising from works of construction or demolition, including waste arising from work preparatory thereto, shall be treated as industrial waste..*

Construction and demolition and industrial waste includes;

- Brick, rubble and concrete, slabs
- Fitted kitchens and wardrobes
- Soil arising from building works, including digging a pond, for example.
- Doors and windows
- Roofing materials
- Plasterboard and structural wood
- Other building materials

Brighton and Hove City Council recognises that residents may undertake small DIY projects at home and will accept small amounts of the above waste as a gesture of good will.

The following will be accepted:

(We refer to a rubble bag which is roughly (L) 60 x (H) 110cm or (L) 26 x (Dia) 44inch)

- 6 bags of hardcore, rubble and soil will be accepted.
- 4 sheets (roughly 1 sq m) or 6 rubble bags of plasterboard
- 4 sheets of double bonded asbestos (wrapped twice in plastic)
- Or, the equivalent of a small car boot full roughly around 200KG

## **The above limits will only be accepted once per month per household**

Any larger amounts will not be accepted and we recommend a local private waste company is used. You can find details in your local yellow pages or our website [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk)

### 4.2 Trade Waste

Waste collection and disposal is not included in council business rates.

Trade waste is any waste arising from any trader or business activities. Including any waste from domestic premises used for profit or arising from any profitable activities. And anyone who has received any payment or payment-in-kind, for carrying waste.

The council does not accept this waste nor have a duty under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to do so. Waste from businesses, construction and demolition activities or any waste carried for profit must use a private waste contractor. Legally, this waste must be transported with a Waste Carriers licence using a Waste Transfer Note, any breach of this legal requirement can result in unlimited financial penalties by the Environment Agency.

### 5.0 Charities

Charities must apply to access the HWRS in Hove. Using a permit scheme, each charity is allowed unlimited visits to dispose of recyclable materials. Access to dispose of non recyclable waste (general rubbish) is restricted and a number of permits will be issued to the charity for the year, pending a successful application. The council will not accept:

- Construction & demolition wastes
- Waste from house clearances and garden clearances
- Waste from private schools
- Waste generated from outside the Brighton & Hove area
- Waste which is not similar in composition to household waste

For more details, charities should contact Cityclean for a Charity HWRS Access application pack.

### 6.0 Vehicle access

With 20,000 visitors on average per month per site, restrictions are placed on vehicles that can enter each site. For health and safety purposes, these must be adhered with. A height barrier of 1.75m is at each site. **The barrier at Hove will be opened for visitors if they are compliant with the site rules. Brighton barrier will only be opened to blue badge holders.**

Vans are asked to show two forms of identification to gain access to the site. The council will accept proof of Brighton and Hove residency with photographic ID, such as a driver's licence.

Vehicles which are normally used for business purposes will be stopped and checked to ensure the waste is from a household source and belongs to the person/people present. Any visitors with waste above our accepted limits or types will not be allowed access. Furthermore, if the site staff believes the waste to be of a commercial source, entry will also be refused. In these situations, or if Site Staff believe the origin of the waste may be commercial, the council can arrange a visit from The City Enforcement Team to ensure the waste is from a household source and determine the amount that needs to be disposed with.

The following vehicle restrictions apply:

### 6.1 Hove

- Vehicles larger than 3.5 tonnes cannot access the site (no larger than a Luton van)
- No trailers over 4 ft in length or with double axis.
- If you are using a flat bed truck for personal use, please contact Cityclean first to arrange access and to avoid disruption on 01273 292929.

### 6.2 Brighton

- Vehicles taller than the height barrier (1.75m) will not be able to drive into the site.
- Larger vehicles must unload waste onto the trolleys provided, once in the turning circle.
- No trailers.
- If you are using a flat bed truck for personal use, please contact Cityclean first to arrange access, to avoid disruption.

### 6.3 Blue Badge Holders

- Residents who carry a blue badge's can access both sites in their vehicles. If the vehicle is taller than the height barrier at Brighton, the staff will open this if a valid blue badge is displayed.

### 7.0 Site User rules

All visitors must adhere to the site user rules.

Information is displayed at each site and a copy can be provided on request.

### 8.0 Safety

Verbal, threatening and physical abuse will not be accepted. Any suspected abuse will be reported to the police and the person/s involved may be refused future entry to the site.