



Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE)

Electrical and electronic waste is the fastest growing waste stream in the UK. Around 1.8 million tonnes are generated every year.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations aim to reduce the amount of this waste going to landfill and improve recovery and recycling rates. You will need to comply with the WEEE Regulations if you:

- Manufacture or import electrical or electronic equipment.
- Distribute electrical or electronic equipment
- Generate any electrical or electronic waste.
- Collect electrical or electronic waste from your customers for treatment or disposal.
- Operate a waste treatment facility export electrical or electronic waste.

What are the WEEE Regulations?

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations apply to electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) in the categories listed opposite with a voltage of up to 1000 volts for alternating current or up to 1500 volts for direct current.

You will need to comply with the WEEE Regulations if you generate, handle or dispose of waste that falls under one of ten categories of WEEE:

- Large household appliances
- Small household appliances
- IT and telecommunications equipment
- Consumer equipment
- Lighting equipment
- Electrical and electronic tools
- Toys, leisure and sports equipment
- Medical devices
- Monitoring and control equipment
- Automatic dispensers.

Further Information can be found at www.netregs.gov.uk (click on Link)

