

DIY Charges at the Household Reuse and Recycling Centres

Background

Bristol City Council only has a legal obligation to provide recycling centre facilities for household waste – waste arising from the day to day running of a household. Items resulting from the repair or improvement of houses, for example, DIY type waste, is classified as construction waste and there is no requirement for us to provide any service for the disposal of this material or accept it free of charge.

To avoid confusion, household waste comprises of the unwanted contents of the house and not part of the house itself.

Construction waste also includes waste created from landscaping or garden alterations such as dismantling a rockery or digging up a patio/concrete hardstanding.

However, it is recognised that facilities are still needed for residents to dispose of small amounts of DIY type waste, and so rather than withdrawing this service completely, we have made arrangements with site operators for this waste to be accepted for a charge.

If you are undertaking a large-scale DIY project that will generate significant volumes of waste, you should hire a skip or arrange for alternative private disposal using a suitable licensed company. You can check to see if a company is legally licensed through the Environment Agency's website.

Chargeable Waste

Soil and rubble, £2.90 per bag/item. Includes bricks, blocks, slates, tiles, rubble, paving slabs, concrete, gravel, tarmac, stones, soil, sand, hardcore and sanitary ware (ceramic toilets, sinks, pedestals etc).

Clean plasterboard, £4.50 per sheet/bag. Includes plaster and gypsum related products

Plasterboard (with other materials attached) £9.50 per sheet/bag. Such as tiles, foil insulation or any other materials

Asbestos: cement bonded asbestos only, £11 per sheet/bag. There is a maximum sheet size of 10ft (3m) x 4.5ft (1.5m). We will accept a maximum of 6 sheets/bags per visit per week. If you have a greater quantity, other options include contacting a commercial waste company who deal with asbestos disposal.

Please note that asbestos must be double wrapped in tough plastic and completely sealed. You must not mix bagged asbestos with any other waste. Site staff will not be able to assist with loading asbestos into the skip.

Other types of DIY waste

These items are free of charge for disposal at Bristol City Council HRRCs.

- Tyres
- Plastic windows
- Plastic door or door frames
- Bath or shower trays
- Shower screens

- Insulation material
- Roofing felt
- DIY plastic: pipes, guttering, fascia, soffit, skirting, cladding, loose plastics etc.
- Water tanks, panels, roofing sheets, sheets, plastic sanitary ware etc.

Payments

Charges, inclusive of VAT, are payable online when booking a slot to visit the reuse and recycling centre.

The charge payable will be based upon the quantity of the material to be deposited using the stated rates as an indicative guide.

Should the Site Supervisor determine you have brought more chargeable materials for disposal than stated on the booking system you will have the option for paying on site via card directly to the site contractor. Credit/debit card payments only. Receipts will be offered. You may not be able to tip additional material which has not been pre-booked.

The charges payable will be based upon the quantity of material to be deposited using the rates given as an indicative guide.

Payment for bags/sheets will be whole multiples of 'bags' for example. 3 x £4.00 not 2.75 x £4.00.

A "bag" is defined as "a small, plastic sand/aggregate bag from standard DIY stores that can be safely lifted by one person". A proprietary rubble bag is not classed as a small bag and may incur an additional charge.

A 'sheet of asbestos' is a 'small domestic roofing sheet or similar'. For the avoidance of doubt, any item which the site staff deem to contain asbestos will be treated as asbestos (regardless of any analysis or certificates that may have been obtained to state the material is asbestos free) and restrictions/charges will apply. Please note that all asbestos must be double wrapped/bagged in strong plastic.

Loose waste/waste in trailers etc will be assessed by the site supervisor.

The site supervisor's decision on the actual charge to be made is final.

This is a service for which payment must be made. Legal proceedings will be taken against anyone using the service or attempting to use the service without payment in full.