



On-Site Waste Segregation to Facilitate Recycling

Escalation in landfill taxation, increased tipping charges, rising haulage costs, international concern over climate change and new legislative requirements have forced waste producers to look at ways to reduce the financial and legal burden of their waste, and improve the use of finite resources. This case study outlines the measures taken to facilitate source segregation of recyclable materials arising from the development and management of pharmaceutical office and research facilities. The local waste management contractor installed dedicated skips for a range of dry wastes such as wood, metal and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE).



Benefits and key issues:

- Being a local company it was able to provide a fast and responsive service to ensure skips and receptacles are regularly replaced and a dedicated company representative on-site is able to monitor and manage need.
- Segregation of wastes at the point of production ensures that materials are uncontaminated and therefore of a good quality resulting in the lower disposal prices and possible income generation. Any income generated from the sale of recyclable materials is shared between client and contractor as an incentive to promote good waste management practise.
- Segregation of wastes also allows for accurate reporting of data to ensure the Site Waste Management Plan is adhered to and informs future developments. It also provides the client with information to demonstrate its continuing commitment to sustainable waste and resource management.
- One of the key issues is ensuring that all contractors using the skips segregate waste properly. If this does not happen loads can become contaminated, resulting in disposal and recycling difficulties, increased costs and lost income.

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