

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.

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.

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 will be accepted as follows:

Type of Waste	Quantity per load
Loose DIY waste - such as bricks, blocks, slates, tiles, rubble, paving slabs, concrete, gravel, tarmac, stones, soil, sand and hardcore. <div style="text-align: center; background-color: yellow;">OR</div>	≤100 litres - this must fit into two 50ltr bags or equivalent in smaller bags i.e. 4 x 25ltr bags
Sanitary ware - such as ceramic toilets, sinks and pedestals	1 item - no larger than 2m x 0.75m x 0.7m
Plasterboard and asbestos - includes plaster and gypsum-related products and cement bonded asbestos.	1 sheet - or if in a bag, a maximum size of 25 litres. All asbestos must be double wrapped in heavy-duty polythene and sealed with tape. Bagged asbestos must not be mixed with any other waste and should not deliberately be broken down to fit in a loose bag. We can only accept cement bonded asbestos and will not accept unwrapped asbestos.

You can only dispose of one type of waste above, per load, 4 times over any 4- week period. (i.e., disposing of both plasterboard and loose DIY waste counts as two loads, meaning the second item would be chargeable).

Waste exceeding these allowances will be charged at the following rates:

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. The above details show the free allowance that can be taken in a 4-week period.

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.

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, utilising information from the booking system and an assessment of the items deposited.

Where additional waste is deposited, and payment is incurred legal proceedings will be taken against anyone using the service or attempting to use the service without payment in full.