

## Business of Recycling Wales - Webinars

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### Questions & Answers

This document presents WRAP Cymru’s answers to the questions delegates asked during the All Sector webinar.

**Code of Practice** - [Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling: A Code of Practice for Wales | GOV.WALES](#)

**The Business of Recycling Wales website** - [The Business of Recycling Wales Guidance for all workplaces \(wrapcymru.org.uk\)](#)

<p>To clarify, on Construction sites, any card/plastic packaging will need to be separated?</p>	<p>Please refer to Annex 2 in the <a href="#">Code of Practice</a> for the full list of obligated materials</p>
<p>As a waste collector can you refuse single used plastic materials?</p>	<p>There are a number of items that are now banned under the regs mentioned in the webinar. <a href="#">The Environmental Protection (Single Use Plastic Products) (Wales) Act 2023</a></p> <p>For any other plastic items could you speak with the waste producer and suggest they find alternatives if you are unable to collect and reprocess.</p>
<p>Are there any plans to produce some guidance documents for NHS please?</p>	<p>Yes, this is currently being planned.</p>
<p>Do you have guidance on how to secure supply chain for ad-hoc collections ie. where a bin might be needed for a couple of weeks</p>	<p>We do not currently have any guidance on this.</p> <p>It is suggested you speak to your current waste service provider</p>
<p>Our experience is that we can plug into contractor solutions for all streams - pre-paid sacks to 1100 litre bins - except for</p>	<p>Larger food caddies could be used to store small quantities of glass prior to collection.</p>

<p>glass. They understandably don't do sack collections and the smallest bin is 240 litre which would take months to fill. Ideas?</p>	
<p>One is the issue of other people interfering with our bins. This happens even if we lock them. Things are put in, contents are mixed. We can't rule it out. Will there be a proportionate response from NRW to instances where this results in contamination or are we at risk of fines regardless?</p>	<p>Having full control of and securing your waste is a requirement under Waste Duty of Care as well as a consideration now under the Separation Requirements in order to minimise contamination. Where a non-compliance occurs NRW will take all factors in each individual case into account when considering the most appropriate and proportionate course of action in response to the offence.</p>
<p>The other is that where we have a landlord providing site waste facilities they aren't always on board with the regulations. The only non-compliant site I found when I checked recently was one where the landlord requires all waste to go into a central caged area and only provide mixed waste bins. We have been in contact with the landlord's agent, but this is a tedious, lengthy process and so far hasn't resulted in any change as far as I know. I would like to resolve this but again is it our responsibility if this results in a non-compliance?</p>	<p>As a producer your legal duty is to present the waste separately and the landlord also shares this duty.</p> <p>Any non-compliant sites can be reported to NRW via their incident reporting portal - <a href="#">Natural Resources Wales / Report an incident</a></p>