

## 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 Construction & Demolition 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 Guidance for all workplaces \(wrapcymru.org.uk\)](#)

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<p>Can recycling be separated in clear plastic bin bags and placed on top of a skip for collection? (construction industry)</p> <p>Could you label the clear bags with a sharpie?</p>	<p>It would be acceptable to place a small number of bags with recyclables on top of a skip for collection, providing this has been agreed with your waste collector and that they are able to collect the required streams separately. However, you must ensure the material contained in the bags cannot spill or leak out and remains securely stored in the bag, i.e. do not place materials for recycling in flexible plastic bags on top of a skip with sharp edges.</p> <p>Ensure any bags placed on a skip for collection are clearly labelled. This could be done using the icons available to download from the <a href="#">Business of Recycling Wales website</a></p>
<p>Can food waste go in a general waste bin? What do you do with food waste over 5kg?</p>	<p>Businesses that produce less than 5kg of food can still choose to have a food waste collection, but it’s not a requirement. If you produce less than 5kg per week and don’t have a food waste collection, food should be put in the bag or bin for non-recyclable waste.</p> <p>If you produce more than 5kgs of food waste in a seven-day period, you will need to arrange a separate food waste collection.</p> <p>If you currently produce less than 5kg of food per 7 days, then you will need to monitor this and if your activities</p>

	<p>change. See section 7.24 and 7.25 of the Code of Practice.</p>
<p>For construction sites that change daily and consist of a welfare van, with limited space, how would staff segregate and recycle?</p>	<p>It is assumed this waste generated in the welfare van would be related to staff food packaging and so could be placed in a container/ bag for metals, plastic and cartons. If glass containers are produced, that would need to be collected separately in a second container/ bag. You would then also need a container/ bag for general waste. you would need to monitor how much food waste would be generated as over a 7-day period this could exceed the 5kg limit.</p> <p>It is also assumed that this material would be transported back to the construction company base which is where all the waste generated would then be decanted into larger waste and recycling containers.</p>
<p>For milled material (aggregate/planning), does the new regulations consist of information on what to do / how to recycle?</p>	<p>As these are not household-like materials, they aren't included in the separate collection requirements.</p> <p>If you have large amounts of waste of a particular specialist material, your waste collector may be able to find a means of recycling them, but this is not a requirement under the regulations.</p>
<p>If we are a subcontractor on site as well, do we just use what the Principal Contractor (PC) has? What do we do if there are no provisions made?</p> <p>It is generally the PC responsibility, but if they refuse do we need to report them?</p>	<p>The responsibility of compliance on site would need to be agreed by those involved but generally we would see the producer as the main contractor responsible for the site, unless this has been otherwise agreed. This should be included within your contracts.</p> <p>Section 5.10 of the <a href="#">Code of Practice</a> has more detail on who is considered the occupier, but it would be determined on a case by case basis.</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>

<p>Do you have to have proof that the waste carrier is recycling your waste? i.e if you are putting recycling in clear bags on a general skip</p>	<p>Section 7.21 of the <a href="#">Code of Practice</a> outlines the records you are required to keep. This includes existing requirements under the Duty of Care which requires you to produce and keep waste transfer notes which will show how, when, and collected the waste and waste types. These records must be kept for 2 years.</p>
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