

What legislation is it? Landfill Directive

The Landfill Directive, which came into force 16 July 1999, is a European-wide legislation, which will have a major impact upon the land filling of waste in the UK. The Directive is accompanied by changes to other pieces of legislation to bring the UK into alignment with European Legislation, including changes to:-

- Duty of Care regulations
- The Special Waste Regulations
- Introduction of the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) and PPC permitting for landfill sites.

What the legislation has meant for waste handling so far:

- January 2002 equipment or appliances that contain Ozone Depleting Substances banned from landfill disposal, a requirement for these items to be processed by licensed operators, these include:
 1. refrigeration and air conditioning equipment;
 2. equipment containing solvents;
 3. fire protection and extinguishing equipment
 4. Fridges and Freezers.
- July 2002 ban on all hazardous liquid waste to all landfill sites, all liquids to hazardous landfill sites, infectious waste and corrosive oxidising and flammable waste.
- July 2003 whole tyres banned from landfill.
- July 2004 co-disposal of general controlled waste and hazardous/special waste will cease.
- July 2004 hazardous waste will require treatment prior to going to landfill.

What does it mean to you?

Customers need to identify which wastes they can no longer landfill and seek alternative disposal. All wastes will need to be fully described and customers will have to identify their waste according to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC).

An increasing amount of waste will need some form of treatment because Landfill sites will be restricted from taking many waste types.

What can Allclear Environmental do?

Allclear can help you identify and classify waste according to the EWC codes and determine whether they can continue to be land filled and if not we can provide alternative disposal or treatment options.