

**(WEEE)**  
**Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Regulation**

Currently 4% of waste going to landfill is waste electrical and electronic equipment, about 4kg per head of population and the directive sets targets for the recovery and recycling of three quarters of the UK's Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment, it will be implemented on 13th August 2004.

The legislation comes under Producer Responsibility, therefore electrical and electronic goods manufacturers will have to initially begin to meet their responsibility by 13<sup>th</sup> August 2005 and it is expected that these manufacturers will have to fully meet them by 31st December 2006.

This will also mean that manufacturer's of electrical goods will have a cost burden. Businesses will be encouraged to recycle all Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment such as

- computers,
- printers,
- photocopiers
- phones.

Householders will be encouraged through their local councils to recycle more electrical goods such as

- televisions,
- video & DVD players,
- games consoles
- PCs,
- Hairdryers
- Hi-Fi equipment.

**Allclear Environmental's WEEE Services**

Allclear Environmental will be offering businesses, industry & local councils services to collect more Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment through collections and recycling services from business outlets, industrial premises and council civic Amenity sites.

These dedicated collection and recycling services will involve regular collection with all material being sent to treatment/recycling facilities, operated by competent companies to process equipment and either recover recyclable materials or identify reusable equipment. Customers can expect full information, updates and compliance with the WEEE Directive, with full tracability for all equipment through to final recovery or recycling.

## **Producer Responsibility - Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment**

A Directive is being prepared to minimise waste from disused electronic and electronic equipment (WEEE) which aims to:

Prevent waste from electronic and electronic equipment;  
Promote the reuse, recycling and other forms of recovery of such waste;  
Minimise the risk to, and impact on, the environment associated with its treatment and disposal.

The principal product categories would be:

domestic appliances  
home entertainment products  
musical instruments  
powered toys  
IT equipment  
telecommunications equipment  
lighting medical equipment systems  
monitoring and control instruments  
electronic dispensers