

Waste Minimisation & Sustainability

Did you know?

Running electrical equipment overnight in an average office wastes the same amount of energy as it takes to run a small car for 100 miles.



Q. What are the three categories of waste?

Q. What must be written on a waste transfer note?

Q. Why can you not mix hazardous and non-hazardous materials?

- The volume of waste produced in the UK in just 2 hours would fill the Albert Hall. In the UK we are running out of room to safely store all our waste. Therefore we need to look carefully at what we throw away and how we dispose of it.
- All waste must be properly segregated into one of the three categories, inert, hazardous or non-hazardous
- Waste transfer notes must now **identify waste by using a special six-digit code** as well as a written description of the waste
- Many **Landfill sites are now not allowed to take HAZARDOUS waste**. This has substantially increased the cost of disposing of this type of material. It is very important therefore to take special care not to cause spills etc. It is also very important to make sure that waste is properly segregated. One empty oil drum in a skip of canteen waste would mean the whole skip would need to be disposed of as hazardous waste.
- Where ever possible waste should be MINIMISED, REUSED or RECYCLED.
- By recycling waste we don't use so many of the earths natural resources. Most natural resources are not infinite, they will run out, so it is important to conserve them