



New DIY Waste Charges and Permit Scheme

From 1st January 2024 limited volumes of rubble, plasterboard, soil and ceramics e.g. toilets can be disposed of at Household Waste Recovery Sites free of charge.

'Pay as you Throw' charges will continue to apply for all DIY waste volumes above the 'free' limits.



From 1st February 2024 all vehicles delivering DIY waste will require a permit in advance of arriving on site. See inside for more details.

New DIY waste permit system

As of the 1st January 2024 the Council will accept **limited volumes** of DIY waste **free of charge**. This is a requirement of the revised Controlled Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2023. To regulate this system, the Council are introducing a permit system for the acceptance of DIY waste at our Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs).

Each permit will limit free of charge DIY waste to:

- less than 100 litres and capable of being fitted into two 50 litre bags, or
 - a single article of waste no larger than 2000mm x 750mm x 700mm in size; and
 - Site users will be limited to four single visits per household in any four week period.
- Anything above these limits will remain chargeable.

From 1st February 2024 no DIY waste can be delivered by any vehicle to an HWRC without a pre-booked permit which can be requested on www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste or via the contact centre on 0345 600 6400. Any DIY waste delivered in excess of the limits listed above will be considered Pay As You Throw items and chargeable as they are now (see below).

Charges apply to the following types of DIY waste.

- Ceramic pipes
- Sink / Pedestal
- Toilet / Bidet / Shower screen
- Window Panes
- Bricks / breeze blocks
- Concrete and paving slabs
- Gravel / stone / sand
- Rubble / hard core / tarmac
- Plasterboard
- Tiles / slates
- Soil (which MUST go in the Garden Waste container)



Annual DIY Limits

In addition to the limits on what volume of DIY waste can be disposed free of charge, there is also an annual limit on the total amount of DIY waste that will be accepted at HWRCs from any one household. This annual limit is 6 cubic yards, which is approximately 150 builders' bags or a single 6-yard skip.

Pay As You Throw Charges for Excess DIY Waste



Bag*/Sheet**/ Equivalent £2.75

A fully loaded vehicle of loose material will be charged a maximum as follows:



Standard car / hatchback £16.50



Trailer less than 5 ft £27.50



Estate/ Small van/ 4x4/Pickup £27.50



Trailer longer than 5ft
and less than 9ft 10in £55 plus £11 per
foot over 5ft to a max £110
for 9ft - 9ft 10 trailer



Transit van £110

If your vehicle is not mentioned here, the equivalent category will be chosen.

- Please don't empty your vehicle until payment has been made.
- Charges are non-negotiable and the decision of the Site Manager will be final.
- On arrival the site attendant will inspect the items you want to tip, and advise you of the charge and take the payment.
- Charges will be based on a bag*, sheet**, bag equivalent, fully loaded vehicle or 1/4, 1/2, or 3/4 loaded vehicle.
- There are bag equivalents for loose materials, which will be determined by the Site Attendant
- Where excess DIY waste has been brought to an HWRC, the site attendant will only charge for the materials judged to be excess
- Where full vehicle loads of DIY waste have been brought to the HWRC, no discount will be made for DIY allowance as these prices are already heavily subsidised

How do I pay?

- Only credit or debit card payments will be accepted – no cash or cheques.
- Written receipts will be issued on request.

* One bag is approximately 50cm x 35cm x 13cm – DIY stores often sell sand/gravel in this size of bag.

** One sheet of plasterboard is 180 cm x 90 cm.

From 1st February 2024 ALL vehicles require a permit to deliver DIY waste

If you plan to bring any DIY waste to a HWRC you will need a permit and book an appointment time. Please visit www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste for further information

Please Note: Waste from tradespersons, property developers, house removal companies, small van removal services etc or landlords is NOT permitted at any of the Household Waste Recovery Centres in Northumberland

Other ways to get rid of your DIY waste

You will need to find other outlets for your waste if you

- are a householder who has used up their 6 cubic yard annual allowance of DIY waste;
- are planning works which create in excess of 6 cubic yards of DIY waste;
- choose not to pay the charges;
- are a tradesperson, a landlord, property developer or are working for any of these.

Other ways of disposal are through private skip hire, through a commercial disposal site or use one of the waste bag services available at DIY stores. You can find details of local companies who deal with this type of waste by searching online or in local directories. More information is available at www.northumberland.gov.uk and clicking on 'Business waste and recycling'.

Tyres

Garages that fit tyres will accept the old tyres for a charge. Commercial tyre fitters may be able to quote for disposal of tractor tyres and those larger tyres which we are not licensed to accept. Bicycle tyres can be taken to the HWRC free of charge.

Car and Motorbike tyres can be taken to one of the HWRC's up to a maximum of 5 from your own household in one year. Tyres do not count to the 6 cubic yard limit and there is no charge for disposal. We cannot accept commercial or agricultural tyres.



Gas cylinder disposal

Gas cylinders belong to the supplier and are often collected free of charge contact:

Cylinder Care (Calorgas) – 0800 091 0000

Flogas – 0800 574 574

BOC cylinders – 0800 111333

Calor Gas – 0800 662 663

All other cylinders – 01227 462 008

TIP: Segregate your waste before you load your vehicle to make it quicker and easier to recycle on site.

More about recycling and waste disposal:

You can find a wide range of information about how to reuse, recycle or dispose of excess household waste on our website at www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste phone **0345 600 6400**.