

# Hazardous Waste management

## Guide to storage, collection and transport

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**The correct management of hazardous waste from your vessel is vital to reducing risks to people and the environment.**

## Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste describes a number of different waste streams that pose an increased risk to people and the environment. Any hazardous waste should be stored securely and where it cannot cause pollution to the environment.

### Common hazardous wastes on vessels can include:

- Waste oils, fuels and material contaminated with them.
- Oily rags including contaminated items from spill kits
- Solvents and other cleaning chemicals.
- Some paints and adhesives.
- Batteries such as lead acid and nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd) types.
- Electrical equipment including fridges, fluorescent lights and some TVs.

## Segregation

It is important to properly segregate hazardous waste from non-hazardous. Contaminating non-hazardous waste with hazardous substances can result in much higher disposal costs. The deliberate mixing of hazardous and non-hazardous waste is an offence.

## Collections

When disposing of hazardous waste you must use a registered waste carrier and complete the correct paperwork. This is known as a hazardous waste consignment note and it is the waste holder's responsibility to ensure the information in parts A and B is correct. The note will contain all of the information found on the waste transfer note as well as additional information such as the following:

- The hazardous components and concentrations.
- Whether the waste is a solid, liquid or gas.

Failure to complete the hazardous waste consignment notes correctly and mixing hazardous and non-hazardous waste are common breaches of this legislation. Enforcement action can be taken against both producers and carriers of hazardous waste and serious offences could lead to prosecution. If your paperwork is missing any of the information you should contact your registered waste carrier to ensure the note is completed fully before allowing it to be taken off site. Once the waste has been taken away the receiving facility must send you a quarterly return which will include details of what they took from your site and type of treatment or disposal it was subject to. Often this comes in the form of a completed Part E section of the consignment note being returned to you. An example of a completed consignment note can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hazardous-waste-consignment-note>

For more information on hazardous waste and your responsibilities please visit our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/dispose-hazardous-waste>