

Wales Toolkit

Navigating the New Food Waste Legislation in Wales

As of 6 April 2024, new recycling regulations are in effect, requiring workplaces across Wales to separate their food waste

Understanding the Legislation

The Welsh Government has introduced new regulations requiring all businesses, the public sector and third-sector organisations in Wales to separate recyclable materials like most householders do now.

These Regulations are designed to improve the quality and quantity of waste collections across Wales, most notably by mandating that food waste is separated out and collected separately when any business generates more than just 5kg per week.

The new regulations came into force on 6 April 2024, therefore it is important for businesses to familiarise themselves with their implications.

So what are the key changes?

Mandatory Separation of Food Waste for Collection

- Businesses generating food waste must segregate it from other types of waste.
- Facilitates efficient recycling processes and reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills.
- Contributes to environmental protection and business sustainability.
- Non-Compliance for Macerators and Liquidising Digestors
- Devices that grind and liquefy food waste before discharging it into the sewer system will no longer be considered compliant.
- Contributes to sewer blockages and fatbergs, causing environmental and infrastructural damage.
- Businesses relying on these methods must explore alternative food waste disposal options that align with the Environment Act 2021.



Legislation already in place in Scotland since 2014

Commercial food waste legislation has been in place in Scotland since 2014, and the legislation being introduced in Wales is likely to follow similar guidelines. Businesses generating more than 5kg of food waste every week will likely have to comply with the new regulations.

By staying informed and acting now, your business can set a positive example and be at the forefront of environmentally friendly food waste management.

The Importance of Compliance

Adhering to the new legislation being introduced in Wales is crucial, as it benefits the environment and positively impacts your business. Compliance with these regulations ensures that your business is part of the solution to creating a sustainable future.

Environmental Protection

- Lower greenhouse gas emissions through food waste segregation.
- Foster sustainability with responsible waste management.

Business Advantages

Save costs by streamlining waste management.
Attract eco-conscious customers with sustainability credentials.

Avoiding Penalties

Prevent fines and reputational harm through compliance.
Safeguarding your business from legal and financial risks.

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How Keenan Recycling Can Help

Keenan Recycling is your dependable partner in sustainable food waste management, offering comprehensive solutions to help you navigate the changes being introduced by the Welsh Government. By collaborating with Keenan Recycling, your business will ensure compliance with the new food waste regulations and showcase your commitment to environmental responsibility.

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By collaborating with Keenan Recycling, your business will ensure compliance with the Environment Act 2021's food waste regulations and showcase your commitment to environmental responsibility. This boosts your reputation among eco-conscious customers and stakeholders, helping you stay ahead of the curve and be prepared for upcoming changes. Additionally, our waste-to-energy solutions contribute to a circular economy by reducing dependency on fossil fuels and converting food waste into usable biogas.

Trust Keenan Recycling to help you comply with the new food waste legislation while enhancing your business's sustainability credentials and benefiting from innovative waste-to-energy solutions.

