

# Swansea University

## Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN11 Plasterboard

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<b>Plasterboard</b>	
Location Generated	Various
EWC	17-08-02
Type	Controlled Waste
Disposal Method	Segregated for recycling
Bin/ Bag Type	<b>Skip / Clear bags for recycling</b>

### **Duty of Care Requirements**

Any business or public body that generates waste materials should apply the waste hierarchy to all streams in order to minimise the amount of waste sent for disposal. In practice, this means ensuring all wastes are segregated at source and disposed of via the correct stream. General municipal waste should therefore be the last option for waste.

In 2009 the revised Landfill Directive outlined waste containing gypsum can no longer be mixed with biodegradable waste at a landfill sites. This change in regulation applies to waste containing identifiable gypsum-based materials, such as plasterboard, thermal laminates, glass reinforced gypsum (GRG), plasters, cove and ceiling tiles. Gypsum, the main raw material for plasterboard, is a sulphate but is classified as non-hazardous.

The University and its appointed contracts must segregate plasterboard waste for recycling under the new regulations.

### **Disposal Instructions**

Contractors undertaking small works should take waste materials away with them, and should ensure any plasterboard is correctly segregated. Contractors undertaking large projects should segregate plasterboard for recycling through the use of onsite dedicated plasterboard skips.

Note: if any plasterboard suspected to be contaminated with hazardous material please contact the Sustainability team ([estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk)) or Health & Safety team ([healthandsafety@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:healthandsafety@swansea.ac.uk)) for further advice.

### **External Storage**

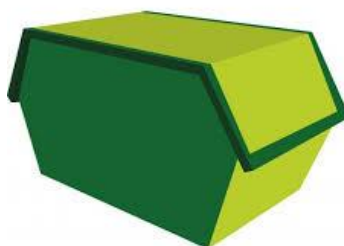


Figure 1 – Swansea University enclosed skip

For any waste plasterboard from small works undertaken by University staff should be separately bagged up into clear bags. Plasterboard waste cannot be placed into any external black non-recycling wheelie bins or recycling wheelie bins. To dispose of plasterboard waste please place a works order via the University [Help Desk](#) portal and include a cost code.

### **Disposal Cost**

For costs related to the disposal of waste plasterboard please email [estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk)

### **Labelling**

See template

**For further guidance please contact [Estates-Waste@Swansea.ac.uk](mailto:Estates-Waste@Swansea.ac.uk)**



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