



# Household Waste Recycling Centre Vehicle Permit Scheme

## A User's Guide



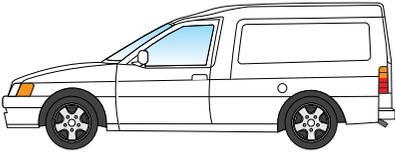
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# Who needs a Permit?

If you're planning to use a van or a large trailer to access our Household Waste Recycling Centres then you will need to apply for a Permit.

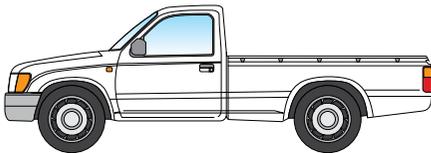
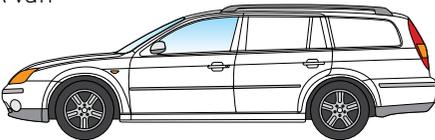
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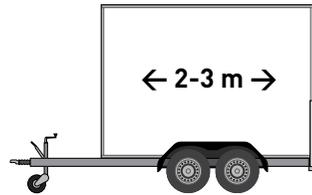
A van



An estate/hatchback/4x4/car with rear seats permanently removed and/or blanked out side/rear windows



Any 'flatback' or 'pickup vehicle'



A trailer with box dimensions between 2 and 3 metres long

**We do not allow any access to our Recycling Centres by:**

- Vehicles above 3.5 tonne gross weight
- Vehicles with trailers greater than 3 metres long

You do not need a Permit to bring us your household waste if you are simply using a car or a car with a trailer that is less than 2 metres long.

# How do I apply for a Permit?

**Permits are free of charge and can be obtained from Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority. Please contact:**

**Tel: 0151 236 0305 Fax: 0151 227 1848**

**Web: [www.merseysidewda.gov.uk](http://www.merseysidewda.gov.uk)**

**Email: [permit@merseysidewda.gov.uk](mailto:permit@merseysidewda.gov.uk)**

The Permit line is open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5.00pm (excluding bank holidays)

# Are there different types of Permit?

Yes there are two types – an Annual and Temporary:

The **ANNUAL PERMIT** is required when you are delivering recyclable items of waste from your household, such as garden waste, newspapers, magazines, glass bottles, textiles, cardboard, cans, batteries and oil etc. These Permits are valid for an unlimited number of visits to a nominated Recycling Centre over a 12 month period.

- Please note not all sites accept all waste streams
- You must take your Permit with you when visiting the Recycling Centre.

The **TEMPORARY PERMIT** is required when you want to deliver bulky household waste such as furniture, rubble, scrap and wood. Up to a maximum of 12 visits may be made using Temporary Permits in a 12 month period.

## Why use a Permit system?

All our Recycling Centres are paid for by Merseyside Council taxpayers and therefore should only be used for disposing or recycling household waste.

However commercial businesses and traders attempt to use these facilities free of charge. This isn't fair and is illegal.

**By using a Permit Scheme we will continue to make sure householders have exclusive access to the facilities provided for them.**

## What if I am using a hired van?

You will still need to apply for a Permit. In addition please bring the van hire agreement when you arrive at the Centre.

## How long does it take to get a Permit?

We will issue your Permit via second class post - the Post Office aim to deliver second class post within three days.

## Trade and commercial waste

This waste is the responsibility of the trader or commercial operator. Merseyside's Household Waste Recycling Centres are for use by those disposing of their own household waste only. **MRWA cannot accept any trade or commercial waste at its Household Waste Recycling Centres.** To ensure security and prevent illegal activity Automatic Number Plate Recognition and Closed Circuit Television Camera systems are in operation.

Those looking to dispose of trade waste may want to contact the Environment Agency on:  
**T: 08708 506 506**  
**W: [www.netregs.gov.uk](http://www.netregs.gov.uk)**

## Fly Tipping

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste. It can vary in scale significantly from a bin bag of rubbish to large quantities of waste dumped from trucks. Fly tipped waste may be found anywhere, such as roadsides, in lay-bys or on private land.

This document can be made available in large print, Braille and audio-tape and in other languages. Please contact Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority on Tel: 0151 255 1444 or email: [enquiries@merseysidewda.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@merseysidewda.gov.uk).

Dealing with the problem can cost millions of pounds every year. Fly tipping which is left on the roadside, pavements and public land will be removed by your local council.

It is the responsibility of the land owner to remove fly tipping from their own land and prevent further reoccurrence. Your council can serve fixed penalty notices on littering offenders and can prosecute individuals and businesses who illegally deposit waste under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act in 2005.

Offenders can be required to pay full clean up costs to the council for removing the waste as well as face prosecution in the courts.

## If you want to contact us about the Permit Scheme:

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