

## WEEE (waste electronic and electrical equipment) Disposal

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE Directive) was introduced into UK law in January 2007. It will not be immediately affected by Brexit.

The WEEE Directive aims to reduce the amount of electrical and electronic equipment being produced and to encourage everyone to reuse, recycle and recover it.

You cannot throw electronic and electrical equipment in bins or skips. You can take to a local authority recycling centre, but they may only accept household items for disposal. You must use a registered WEEE disposal company, this is a legal requirement.

You can see if a provider is on the **WEEE register** by searching on [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

There are different categories of registration; ICT disposals could be:

- Hazardous waste
- Waste carrier
- Waster broker

**If a company is not registered as a waste carrier, they cannot collect anything from you.**

**If they are only a waste carrier they can take it away but not dispose of it.**

### **For products put on the market after 13 August 2005:**

Manufacturers, rebranders and importers of EEE are responsible for financing the collection, treatment, recovery and disposal of EEE supplied to businesses. This is a commercial decision and is likely to form part of the business contract you have with your equipment suppliers. You need to contact the company that supplied the equipment. Where equipment was bought from retail outlets this may not apply because it will be classed as a 'personal purchase'.

### **For products put on the market before 13 August 2005:**

The end user has to pay WEEE disposal charges.

### **Personal Data**

Whether you decide to use a specialist asset disposal service provider or take ICT equipment to the local authority recycling centre, you are responsible for ensuring that all personal data is deleted (see also [GDPR.lgfl.net](http://GDPR.lgfl.net)).

**You must follow WEEE** when disposing of electrical/ electronic equipment.

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**Deleting data** from equipment remains your responsibility (see also [GDPR.lgfl.net](http://GDPR.lgfl.net))