

Glossary of terms and acronyms

1. **Waste** - There have been many definitions of waste, many of which have been debated in court. In general terms, we mean a material or substance that is no longer fit for its intended purpose without carrying out some 'process' on it, to make it fit for further use. It is often viewed as something we did not want/intend to produce and we are now treating it as if it were a waste.
2. **Hazardous waste** - A waste that exhibits one or more of a number of properties that render it hazardous (harmful) to people or the environment.
3. **Waste hierarchy** - The hierarchy quoted is simply an approach to managing the generation and handling of waste so that the least harm and greatest benefit is gained.
4. **European Waste Catalogue** - A waste catalogue annexed to various European directives that classifies and categorises waste according to what it is and how it was produced. It was transposed into domestic legislation as part of the List of Waste Regulations.
5. **Environment Agency** - This generic term is used throughout the document but it is meant to refer to the Environment Agency in England, equivalent regulatory body in Wales; Natural Resources Wales and in Scotland, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

