

## **WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING POLICY FOR REGISTERED CHARITIES AND NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATIONS**

### **Background**

The waste strategy is underpinned by the principles of user pays and waste minimisation. Any Guernsey Waste policy once implemented, should focus on waste minimisation, contribute to increased recycling rates and a reduction in volumes of residual waste generated in Guernsey, subject to them being cost effective. Guernsey Waste is an unincorporated States of Guernsey trading business and must therefore adhere to States of Guernsey and Trading Group policies.

### **Agreed policy**

There are three options which registered charities and not for profit organisations (NPOs) can pursue to deal with the waste and recycling they generate. However, it should be noted that this policy applies to small volumes of waste and recycling produced on a day-to-day basis as part of the operational running of the charity or NPO only and not large volumes, such as waste that is generated from events. Event waste should be disposed of as commercial waste either via a commercial collection or by taking it to a commercial waste facility. More information about commercial waste facilities can be found on [www.gov.gg/commercialwaste](http://www.gov.gg/commercialwaste) or by contacting Guernsey Waste on tel: 01481 221234.

#### **1. Use of the HWRC facilities**

Charities and NPOs can utilise the Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC) at Longue Hougue in the same way as householders and will be subject to all site charges levied at the time of use. Provision to collect, store and transport this material needs to be made by the charity or NPO. The charity or NPO will need to sort and place the materials in the correct receptacles at the HWRC.

A full list of what can be taken to the HWRC and applicable charges can be found at [www.gov.gg/recycling](http://www.gov.gg/recycling)

Those delivering waste and recycling on behalf of the charity or NPO may be required to show identification at the HWRC, so please ensure any staff members carry some form of identification and authorisation letter with details of the registered charity number.

#### **2. Parish kerbside collection scheme**

Under Section 2 of the Parochial Collection of Waste (Guernsey) Law 2015, Parish Douzaines have the discretion to admit small businesses into the kerbside collection scheme, where they produce waste and recycling of a similar composition and of a similar volume to a household. Guernsey Waste would be keen to see charities and NPOs included under this provision and would encourage organisations to make contact with their appropriate Parish Douzaine to pursue this arrangement. For the avoidance of doubt, charities should not be

setting out waste and recycling on the kerbside for collection with household waste unless they have opted in through their Parish Douzaine.

It is important to note that where charities and NPOs are admitted to the Parish collection scheme, the associated charges that apply to households will also apply to them. These charges consist of:

- A collection charge billed by the Parish on an annual basis;
- An annual fixed charge billed by the Waste Disposal Authority, States of Guernsey, for the costs of processing waste and recycling; and
- A 'pay as you throw' sticker for each bag of rubbish put out for collection, available to be purchased from supermarkets.

### 3. Commercial collection

Charities and NPOs can arrange a commercial collection from a service provider (refer to phone book yellow pages) and negotiate a cost for provision of the service.

#### Other waste & services

##### ***Green Waste***

Green waste must be disposed of via the commercial route (via Mont Cuet) and the gate fee paid. However, charities and NPOs may apply to Guernsey Waste to deposit green waste free of charge if the green waste arises from projects which benefit the whole community i.e. the clearance of public green areas. This is on the condition that sufficient pre-approval is obtained from Guernsey Waste, before the waste is taken for disposal. Please contact Guernsey Waste by emailing [recycle@gov.gg](mailto:recycle@gov.gg) or calling 221234. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

##### ***Transporting Waste & Recycling***

It is important to note that organisations transporting waste will need to apply for a waste transport licence or an exemption, from the Office of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation (OEHPR). More information and application forms can be found at [www.gov.gg/wastelicencing](http://www.gov.gg/wastelicencing)

Charities and NPOs should be aware that if they need to engage the services of a third-party operator, for payment or otherwise, to transport items to any waste processing facility, that operator may require a waste transport licence.

##### ***Bulk refuse collection***

Charities and NPOs are not eligible to apply for this service.

***End of life vehicles***

Registered owners of any vehicles are eligible to apply to dispose of their vehicle via the end-of-life vehicle scheme. This includes Charities and NPOs so long as they are the registered owner for the vehicle. More information can be found at [www.gov.gg/bulkrefuse](http://www.gov.gg/bulkrefuse)