



Recycling Business Waste

Make recycling simple and legal

A Quick Guide for Sefton SMEs

Why Recycling Matters

It's the Law: UK Simpler Recycling rules require businesses to separate recyclables and food waste.

Avoid Fines: Non-compliance can cost up to £5,000.

Save Money: Reduce landfill fees and collection costs.

Boost Reputation: Customers value eco-friendly businesses.

What Goes Where

Set up clearly labelled bins for these streams:

- Dry Mixed Recycling
Paper, cardboard, glass bottles, metal cans, plastic bottles.
(No food-stained packaging or wax-coated items.)
- Food Waste
Leftovers, coffee grounds, tea bags, shells, bones.
- General Waste
Non-recyclable or contaminated items.

Your Legal Duties

- Keep waste transfer notes for all collections.
- Use a licensed waste carrier or Sefton Council's service.
- Never use domestic bins for trade waste – it's illegal.

Local Support

Sefton Council Commercial Waste Service

- General waste & mixed recycling collections
- Extras: Skip hire, event cleansing, confidential shredding
- Contact: 0151 288 6142 | commercial.waste@sefton.gov.uk

Quick Action Checklist

- ☐ Audit your waste streams
- ☐ Order separate bins
- ☐ Train staff with a "What Goes Where" poster
- ☐ Keep collection records
- ☐ Choose a licensed carrier or Sefton Council service



Need Help?

Visit <https://www.sefton.gov.uk> for more details.