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## **Commercial Trade Waste – Duty of Care**

Businesses who produces commercial waste have a legal responsibility to ensure that the waste is produced, stored, transported and disposed of without harm to the environment. This is called a 'duty of care'.

Following a recent incident we are reminding all our customers that depositing unauthorised types of waste within their bin can lead to a significant risk of fire.

Waste types that we do not authorise within our commercial trade waste collections and that present an increased risk of harm include:

- Gas cylinders
- Flammable Liquids – including diesel, petrol, paraffin, brake fluid, printer toner.
- Oxidizing agents – including bleaching agents, toilet cleaner.
- Batteries – including batteries contained within computers, laptops, and toys
- Electrical items – such as laptops, hoovers or phones.
- Oils – car or engine oils

Disposing of these waste types within trade waste bins can lead to the risk of injury to refuse workers and members of the public from fires and explosions, as well as damaging the refuse vehicle.

These types of waste should be segregated from the commercial trade waste collections and disposed of in the correct manner.

For further information and help regarding the disposal of hazardous waste please contact us on 01642 774774.

Thank you for you continued support in this matter.

**Commercial Trade Waste Team**