



NAWDO press release – Simpler Recycling update

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The National Association of Waste Disposal Officers (NAWDO) welcomes the announcement of a clearer position from Government on the implementation of Simpler Recycling policies, after yet another long period of uncertainty. The revision of language on residual waste services is a positive move from Government, as previous insistence on at least fortnightly collections was completely at odds with wider policies such as packaging EPR and Net Zero.

NAWDO is seeking further information on the announcement that the default form of dry recycling service will include separate paper and card collections, particularly in relation to the evidence base that will need to be provided where a local authority needs to continue collecting these materials with containers and other recyclables.

NAWDO's members are disappointed that no moves have been taken to address the March 2025 compliance date for introducing the full range of recycling services to relevant non-domestic premises. Local authorities design services around the requirements on households, and then scale up to cover businesses, schools and other such premises. Setting a compliance date a year earlier than that for households is illogical and impractical, and it is unfortunate that this is not being corrected.

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About us:

NAWDO, the National Association of Waste Disposal Officers, is the primary network and voice for local authorities with statutory responsibility for waste treatment and disposal. NAWDO was formed in 1992 and its members include London Boroughs, Metropolitan, Unitary, Joint Waste Disposal Authorities, Waste Partnerships and County Councils from all UK regions (except Scotland) to keep up to date with the fast-changing waste and resources industry. Through NAWDO local authorities are provided with presentation on regional, national, international and strategic forums and groups to inform, influence and collaborate with key stakeholders and policy makers. NAWDO is entirely run by volunteers and through its Policy and Advisory (P&A) Committee it sets the direction of the organisation with member engagement. With over 80 members NAWDO represents around 80% of all local authorities with waste disposal duties in the UK. NAWDO holds quarterly meetings where its members, central government, regulators, waste industry and other affiliated groups discuss and debate challenges and current developments in the waste and resources industry, helping shape and influence (future) decisions and policy. It also provides an online forum where members can openly discuss and debate current and relevant issues facing senior officers with waste treatment and disposal portfolios.

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