



Collection point guide

for Northern
Ireland



Helping you stay
compliant



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As a Recolight collection point, we provide you with a free lamp recycling service. The service is completely free and made possible because we are entirely funded by our lamp producer Members.

Our service level agreement, our website and this document are all in place to help make sure both you and Recolight meet all legal obligations set out by the Environment Agency.

There are variations to waste regulations across the UK. This guide is for Northern Ireland only, versions for Scotland and England & Wales can be downloaded from our website.

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Arranging a collection

All collections must be booked through our collection point portal, Recoweb; you can find the link on our home page.

If you have forgotten your username and password please email your site details to info@recolight.co.uk and we will reset them for you.

- 🌱 Our lead time for collection is TEN working days
- 🌱 Book your collection when your container is 90% full



Keeping your service free

The Recolight service is free, however, you will be charged for:

- 🌱 A failed collection.
- 🌱 Low weight of waste lamps.
- 🌱 Excess contamination in your container.
- 🌱 Lost or stolen container.

This can all be easily avoided if you:

- 🌱 Tell us of **access restrictions** to your site and your site opening times – this must be done at the time of booking your collection on Recoweb.
- 🌱 Arrange your **permits and exemptions** from your Environment Agency.
- 🌱 Look after your containers and provide **safe and secure storage**.
- 🌱 Only collect lamps included in the WEEE Regulations.
- 🌱 Stack your lamps to **avoid breakage**, and in compliance with health and safety standards.
- 🌱 **Remove all packaging** from lamps; containers are for lamps only, not paper, cartons or other hazardous waste.
- 🌱 Book your collection when your **container is 90% full**.

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Our service level agreement

Helping you stay compliant

As a Recolight collection point there are environmental, health and safety regulations with which you should comply. This is to control the risks associated with the storage and management of hazardous waste.

Our service level agreement (SLA) has been written to make sure that you and Recolight are compliant, and to keep your service free. You can find a copy on our website at:

[Recolight > Collection Points > service level agreement](#)



The paper work



Storing waste lamps at your site

Waste storage exemption



To store waste WEEE lamps you must apply for an exemption with the NIEA.

WEEE (Waste Management Licensing) Regulations (NI) 2006 provides exemptions from waste management licensing specifically for WEEE.

You have two price options:

-  Paragraph 50 registration, costing £620 per year.
-  Paragraph 40 registration, renewable every three years, costing £825.

Conditions for paragraph 40 and 50 are identical for lamps:

-  Maximum quantity 50m³
-  Maximum storage time: three months

[Paragraph 50 guidance and application](#)

[Paragraph 40 guidance and application](#)

Moving waste lamps

The Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 place a legal requirement on companies or individuals who transport all categories of controlled waste, to apply for registration.

It is a criminal offence to transport waste without being registered with NIEA that carries a maximum fine of £5,000.

Lower Tier Waste Carriers

R required from the NIEA for ALL waste producers transporting their own waste, irrespective of the frequency. There is no charge to register and registration is indefinite.

You need to register with the agency in the county of your principle business.

Cross border arrangements are in place for Scotland, Wales and England. There are no cross border arrangements for Northern Ireland.

Therefore if your business is primarily in Scotland, but you move waste in England and Wales and Northern Ireland, then you only need to register in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Upper Tier Waste Carriers

For all who transport waste which they don't produce e.g. collecting from your customer's site. The cost is £140 (£71 renewal) and is valid for three years.

Consignment Notes

The consignment note has six copies with five sections, A to E. Each section is completed by the people involved with each movement of waste. A copy is retained by those listed below.

copy	colour	kept by
pre notification	White	NIEA
deposit	Yellow	NIEA
consignee	Pink	the licensed/permitted facility which receives the waste for recycling
carrier	Gold	carrier of the waste between the consignor/producer to the consignee
consignor	Green	person that wants the waste to be moved from the premises where it was produced, or is being held
producer	Blue	any person whose activities produce the waste the producer and consignor can be the same person

Consignment notes are bought from the NIEA and cost £24. You can apply for these by fax or post, the request must be on your headed paper. You will receive consignment notes with a pre-printed consignment number.

To purchase your codes and download consignment notes, please visit the [Northern Ireland Environment Agency](http://www.niea.gov.uk) website.

Backhauling waste

Collecting waste from one of your sites, or a customer, to store at your collection point is referred to as backhauling.

You must notify the NEIA at least three working days in advance and the waste must be moved within one month of the given expected date.

To do this, complete part A and B, and send the **white** copy to the NEIA


1. Confirm that all sections of the consignment note are correct.
2. Take the remaining copies with you when collecting the waste.
3. Ensure Parts C and D are completed before the waste is collected and the required copies left at site. Obtain signature of person accepting the waste, the consignee, in this case, yourself.
4. Retain the **gold** and pink copies as the waste carrier and consignee (and the green copy if you are the consignor), send the yellow copy to NIEA.

Receiving waste at your collection point

When receiving waste at your site you must sign all remaining copies to confirm that you have accepted the waste.

1. The **gold** copy should remain with the carrier.
2. You keep the **pink** copy.
3. The **yellow** copy should be sent to the regulator.

When you collect waste and deliver it to your collection point or receive waste at your collection point you need to provide a Consignee return or a completed consignment note to each producer from which you have received waste within 30 days of the waste acceptance. This must take the form required in Schedule 8 of the [NI Hazardous Waste Regulations](http://www.niea.gov.uk).



all copies of
consignment notes
must be kept for
three years
this is an environment
agency requirement

Lighting in scope of the WEEE regulations

Recolight recycle all waste lamps and luminaires in scope of the WEEE regulations.

- ♻️ This includes:
- ♻️ all GDLs
- ♻️ LEDs
- Business luminaires

WEEE regulations - category 13

♻️ Gas discharge lamps:

- ♻️ Straight fluorescent tubes
- ♻️ Circular fluorescent tubes
- ♻️ Compact fluorescent lamps
- ♻️ High Intensity Discharge lamps
- High pressure sodium HPS or SON
 - Low pressure sodium SOX lamps (street lighting)
 - Metal halide
 - Ceramic metal halide
 - Mercury
 - Xenon
 - Induction

Most of these lamp types are used in both household and non-household applications. All gas discharge lamps are identified under the Hazardous Waste Regulations as hazardous waste.

♻️ LEDs

- ♻️ LED retrofit lamps
- ♻️ OLED retrofit lamps
- User replaceable LED modules - Zhaga modules

Category 5 products in scope of WEEE regulations

- ♻️ Traditional luminaires
- ♻️ LED luminaires
- ♻️ LED street lighting

A Luminaire is a complete lighting unit consisting of a lamp or lamps and also the parts which help to position, protect or connect the lamps.

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LIGHTING IN SCOPE OF WEEE REGULATIONS

Handy Cut-Out Guide Series

Recolight *Total Compliance for*

LED	LED LIGHT EMITTING DIODE		✓
	FLUORESCENT TUBES		✓
FLUORESCENTS	NON-LINEAR FLUORESCENT		✓
	CFL-NI		✓
	CFL-I		✓
HIGH-INTENSITY DISCHARGE	DISCHARGE HIGH & LOW PRESSURE		✓
	SPECIAL		✓
	LUMINAIRES LED & TRADITIONAL		✓

HPS, SON, SOX, Induction, Metal Halide, Xenon

Luminaire collection and recycling service is provided for our members obligated waste.

Not in scope of the WEEE regulations

- ♻️ Not in scope of the WEEE regulations, and not collected by Recolight are:
- ♻️ GLS
- ♻️ Halogen lamps
- ♻️ Household luminaires

Storing waste lamps

It is a requirement of the Hazardous Waste Regulations that all types of hazardous wastes are stored separately.

Your Recolight containers are for storing all gas discharge lamps and LEDs, and no other type of waste.

We ask that:

- ♻️ Your containers are stored in an area where they cannot be tampered with, damaged or stolen.
- ♻️ Open collection points have a level of supervision in the area of the containers during opening hours - this is to stop unauthorised access or damage.
- ♻️ You don't accept broken lamps at your collection point, to help minimise the risk to your site.
- ♻️ If your Recolight container is damaged, please tell us so that we can arrange a replacement.

Storing lamps

- ♻️ To avoid breakage, all waste lamps should be stacked neatly and not thrown into containers.
 - ♻️ All packaging must be removed.
- Wherever possible, linear and non-linear lamps should be placed in separate containers.

- ♻️ Broken and incorrect storage of lamps causes fugitive mercury emissions which could enter your local work environment.
- ♻️ Incorrect stacking and breakages will cause problems for our transport company who may be unable to empty the containers in the correct way. This will increase the possibility of exposure to mercury emissions.
- ♻️ Correct stacking will reduce damage during transport.
- ♻️ The container lid should be replaced and secured when not in use and unsupervised.



For advise for storing sodium and xenon lamps

[Go to > Recolight > Collection Points > WEEE lamps & luminaires](#)

Where you will find PDFs to download

Risk assessment

A risk assessment identifies all hazards that exist on your site and works out how best to control those risks to an acceptable level.

It is an important step in protecting both workers and the general public, as well as ensuring compliance.

If managed in the correct way, the storage and collection of waste lamps should present a low risk to all who access your site.





Other points to consider when looking at the hazards and risks associated with the storage and loading of waste lamps:

- We ask you all to follow all instructions given to you by Recolight.

- Wear the correct personal protective equipment; this includes cut resistant gloves when handling lamps to reduce the risk of cuts or abrasions.
- Provide a spillage procedure to deal with broken lamps.
- Do not accept broken lamps into your site from customers. You have the right to refuse.
- The containers are for waste lamps in scope of the WEEE regulations, packaging or out of scope lamps should not be placed in them.
- Adequate and clear signage.

Remember that there is a risk of mercury inhalation when handling and storing waste lamps which is significantly reduced when the lamps remain intact. Following these procedures will help to reduce this risk.



ARE YOU COMPLIANT? YOUR CHECKLIST

-  **Storing waste lamps** – have you applied for an exemption?
-  **Moving waste lamps** – have you got the correct authorisation?
-  **Consignment notes** – have you got copies for the last three years?
-  **Returns** – are you completing your quarterly returns?
-  **Secure** – is your container in a secure area?
-  **Correct storage** – are you stacking your lamps correctly and removing all packaging

All collections must be booked through Recoweb

The collection point section on our website includes:



-  **Links to the NI Environment Agency to apply for authorisations and consignment notes**
-  **A frequently asked question section**

If you have any questions you can't find an answer to here, please contact us:

info@recolight.co.uk

0845 601 7749

www.recolight.co.uk

About Recolight

Recolight was set up by the lighting industry in 2005 to take on their WEEE responsibility for recycling when the WEEE regulations were introduced into the UK.

Recolight, the only specialist WEEE compliance scheme for the lighting industry, was set up by the industry to provide WEEE compliance and free lamp recycling for all business waste lamps across the UK.

This service is free because we operate as a non-profit organisation, funded by our 150 members. Our network of 3200 collection points across the UK includes over 700 consumer recycling points for low-energy light bulbs.

We are dedicated to keeping waste lamps out of landfill. To date we have funded the recycling of over 240 million household and business lamps, preventing over 900kg of mercury from entering landfill.

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The information in this document may become out of date due to changes in legislation. It is your responsibility to remain compliant with waste and WEEE legislation.