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Waste Management Guidance Note WMGN19 Aerosols

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Disposal Method	Segregated for specialist disposal
Bin/ Bag Type	Contractor collection

Duty of Care Requirements

Any business or public body that generates waste materials should apply the waste hierarchy to all streams in order to minimise the amount of waste sent for disposal. In practice, this means ensuring all wastes are segregated at source and disposed of via the correct stream. General municipal waste should therefore be the last option for waste.

The University has committed to segregating its waste at source and focusing on separating key recycling streams; cans, paper, plastics, food and glass. Segregation at source improves recycle quality and also adheres to the Waste Regulations (England and Wales) 2011. The Regulations stipulate that materials such as paper, metal, plastic and glass must be collected separately if it is necessary to encourage high quality of the recycling of the material.

Aerosols are classified as hazardous under the Hazardous Waste Regulations, as aerosols will often contain residues of hazardous materials and as such have to be treated as hazardous waste, if a residue remains. Aerosol cans are typically made of steel and aluminium and are therefore highly recyclable and must be segregate for reprocessing.

The University and its appointed contractors must segregate all waste aerosols for disposal.

Disposal Instructions

Internal Disposal for Empty Can/s / Non-hazardous

To dispose of empty aerosol can/s with **no remaining hazardous residues**, ensure the can is not pierced or crushed in any way. Place the can/s in a clear bag and place in to the ‘cans’ compartment of the recycling quad bins located throughout the University.



Figure 1 – Swansea University internal ‘Quad’ bin

Can/s with residue / Hazardous Substances

To dispose of aerosol cans containing hazardous substances, place a works order via the [Help Desk](#) portal to arrange collection.

Contractors should not leave any aerosols on campus following the completion of a works order or project. If aerosol cans are left behind following works, contact the relevant Projects Officer or email esates-watse@swansea.ac.uk.

Aerosol containing hazardous substances must not be placed in any external University bin under any circumstance.

Disposal Cost

For information on aerosol disposal costs email estates-waste@swansea.ac.uk

For further guidance please contact Estates-Waste@Swansea.ac.uk

