

## DIY limits

for all your DIY waste eg. kitchen and bathroom units, sheds etc (all vehicles)



## Pay as you throw

for rubble, plasterboard, soil and ceramics eg: toilets, sinks and pipes (all vehicles)



# DIY limits

There is an annual limit of DIY waste from any one household. This limit is 6 cubic yards which is approximately 150 builders sand bags.

## Pay as you throw

The Council has no obligation to accept DIY waste. Northumberland residents may take small quantities of DIY waste from their own home to the Household Waste Recovery Centre (HWRCs) in Northumberland. DIY waste (or construction and demolition waste) is waste that is generated through improvement, alteration or repair of a property.

From 14 September 2015, the Council has introduced charges for disposing of rubble, soil, plasterboard and more recently ceramic tiles, pipes, toilets and sinks. These charges will help the Council pay towards the cost of disposing of these items – they don't cover the whole cost. NB. Just to clarify, there is an annual DIY limit (see above) AND some of those things might be charged for.

## Charges apply to the following types of DIY waste.

- Ceramic pipes
- Sink / Pedestal
- Toilet / Bidet / Shower screen
- Window Panes
- Bricks / breeze blocks
- Concrete and paving slabs
- Gravel / stone / sand
- Rubble / hard core / tarmac
- Plasterboard (put in plasterboard skip)
- Tiles / slates
- Soil (which MUST go in the Garden Waste container)



## What are the charges?



**Bag\*/Sheet\*\*/ Equivalent** £2

A fully loaded vehicle of loose material will be charged as follows:



**Standard car / hatchback** £12



**Trailer less than 5 ft** £20



**Estate/ Small van/ 4x4/Pickup** £20



**Trailer longer than 5ft  
and less than 9ft 10in** £40 plus £10 per  
foot over 5ft to a max £80  
for 9ft - 9ft 10 trailer



**Transit van** £80

If your vehicle is not mentioned here, the equivalent category will be chosen.

- Please don't empty your vehicle until payment has been made.
- Charges are non-negotiable and the decision of the Site Manager will be final.
- On arrival the site attendant will inspect the items you want to tip, and advise you of the charge and take the payment.
- Charges will be based on a bag\*, sheet\*\*, bag equivalent, fully loaded vehicle or 1/4, 1/2, or 3/4 loaded vehicle.
- There are bag equivalents for loose materials, which will be determined by the Site Attendant

## How do I pay?

- Only credit or debit card payments will be accepted – no cash or cheques. Pre-paid Visa / Mastercards can be bought at major supermarkets. No bank account is needed.
- Receipts will be issued.

\* One bag is approximately 50cm x 35cm x 13cm – DIY stores often sell sand/gravel in this size of bag.

\*\* One sheet of plasterboard is 180 cm x 90 cm.

## You may need a permit

If you plan to bring your waste in a van, trailer or commercial vehicle you will also need a permit. Pick up a leaflet, visit [www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste) or telephone 0345 600 6400

Please Note: Waste from tradespersons, property developers, house removal companies, small van removal services etc etc or landlords is NOT permitted at any of the Household Waste Recovery Centres in Northumberland

# Other ways to get rid of your DIY waste

You will need to find other outlets for your waste if you

- are a householder who has used up their 6 cubic yard annual allowance of DIY waste;
- are planning works which create in excess of 6 cubic yards of DIY waste;
- choose not to pay the charges;
- are a tradesman, a landlord, property developer or are working for any of these.

Other ways of disposal are through private skip hire, through a commercial disposal site or use one of the waste bag services available at DIY stores. You can find details of local companies who deal with this type of waste by searching online or in local directories. More information is available at [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk) and clicking on 'Business waste and recycling'.

## Tyres

Garages that fit tyres will accept the old tyres for a charge. Commercial tyre fitters may be able to quote for disposal of tractor tyres and those larger tyres which we are not licensed to accept. Bicycle tyres can be taken to the HWRC free of charge.

Car and Motorbike tyres can be taken to one of the HWRC's up to a maximum of 5 from your own household in one year. Tyres do not count to the 6 cubic yard limit and there is no charge for disposal. We cannot accept commercial or agricultural tyres.



## Gas cylinder disposal

Gas cylinders belong to the supplier and are often collected free of charge contact:

**Cylinder Care (Calorgas)** – 0800 091 0000

**Flogas** – 0800 574 574

**BOC cylinders** – 0800 111333

**Calor Gas** – 0800 662 663

**All other cylinders** – 01227 462 008

**TIP:** Segregate your waste before you load your vehicle to make it quicker and easier to recycle on site.

## More about recycling and waste disposal:

You can find a wide range of information about how to reuse, recycle or dispose of excess household waste on our website at [www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/waste) phone **0345 600 6400** or phone on one of the local numbers available on the website.