



# The Complete **Electrical Waste** and **Asset Disposal** Solution

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# What is **WEEE**?

WEEE is Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment and covers virtually everything with a plug or battery.

WEEE also includes fluorescent lamps and tubes, high intensity discharge (HID) lamps, compact fluorescent lamps and LED lamps and tubes.

Every year an estimated 2 million tonnes of WEEE items are discarded in the UK - the majority of which is toxic and can have a long term impact on the environment.

UK regulations place a legal requirement on businesses to handle WEEE in a specific and compliant manner.

**CEF have the expertise to support you through every step of the process, ensuring that you meet your legal obligations.**





# The facts and the law

🌀 All businesses produce waste and most business waste is classed as “controlled” or “hazardous”.

🌀 The 2013 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Regulations place a requirement on all businesses to store, transport and dispose of their electrical waste in a compliant manner.

🌀 All WEEE requires storage in an appropriate waterproof container on site and during transportation.

🌀 All WEEE requires official documentation to accompany it during transportation.

🌀 Anyone moving such waste must carry this paperwork together with a Waste Transfer Licence.

🌀 These documents must be retained by the business for 3 years.

🌀 All businesses have a legal duty of care to audit the company they hand their waste over to as they are responsible for the waste until it reaches its final destination.



This is the law and failure to comply can result in substantial fines or imprisonment. The law is now being enforced and ignorance is not an accepted excuse in a UK court.

Prosecutions are also increasing for companies that use so called “rogue” waste operators who incorrectly treat or dispose of WEEE waste.

**Act now to ensure you are WEEE compliant**

# The only **solution** you'll need

**Why struggle with compliance when we can make it as easy as one, two, WEEE...**

## **Unique solution**

City Electrical Factors are the only electrical wholesale organisation in the UK to have an in-house electrical waste recycling facility, offering customers a complete one-stop recycling service and compliance with all current legislation.

Our service is unique and covers everything contained within the WEEE directive in a single solution including lamps, batteries, fridges, TV's and computer monitors. We are the only recycler able to process LED lamps in the UK, and our treatment facility houses the UK's only mechanical flat panel treatment plant.

## **Making it easy**

Each branch offers a handy local drop off point for waste or we can provide you with your own compliant container on-site. We also offer the quickest nationwide collection service in the market.

We provide all the necessary paperwork to ensure your consignment is legal and your audit trail complete, and if required we can retain paperwork on your behalf for the three years required by law.

## **Best in class**

CEF have what is widely regarded as the best in class WEEE treatment plant and Europe's largest lamp recycling plant, and we have the awards to prove it.

Everything we do is approved to the highest government standards. We are the trusted partner of choice for DEFRA and the Environment Agency for WEEE training.

We are also accredited to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 18001.



# Keeping it simple

## Branch recycling



With nearly 400 branches across the UK, you are never too far away from a registered, fully licensed location that can deal with your WEEE legally.

-  Simply return your WEEE to your local CEF branch.
-  We will arrange for it to be recycled and issue the relevant statutory paperwork.

Let CEF keep you legal and compliant with our easy to use service.

## On-site storage and collection

- 1** Choose from a selection of portable or on-site WEEE compliant containers to best suit your needs.
- 2** When your WEEE container is full, simply call your local branch to arrange an exchange within 4 to 6 working days nationwide.
- 3** We will issue and store your legally required consignment notes for the obligatory 3 years.
- 4** We will safely and legally dispose of your WEEE, recovering 98% of the material processed.



# Secure data and asset disposal

A lot is made in the press about securing your network from cyber criminals who want to hack your system and steal sensitive data.

What the press do not tell you is that your old equipment is still a target for this illegal activity.

Data is stored on an increasing number of electronic devices - much of it sensitive. When these devices are no longer needed or need to be re-deployed how can you be confident that sensitive data is not exposed?

Simply deleting the data or completing a factory reset is not a secure solution - data remains on the device and can easily be viewed by those in the know.

## Responsible data disposal

More and more companies are taking the responsible route and securely wiping devices and disposing of data assets.



Our secure data and asset disposal service enhances our ability to provide a complete solution to data and identity theft.

- 🌀 All staff are CRB checked and have clearance to work on MOD sites and airports.
- 🌀 You can witness disposal live on-site or via a CCTV recording.
- 🌀 Unrivalled 48 hour national collection service.
- 🌀 Devices can be re-deployed or destroyed.
- 🌀 On-site secure data erasure using best in class, MOD approved 'BLANCCO' software.
- 🌀 On-site or remote destruction of devices such as laptops, memory sticks, HDD's and mobile phones.

# How are we different?

# Did you know...

## Unique

We are the only UK recycler approved to process LED lamps and our treatment facility houses the UK's only mechanical flat panel treatment plant.

## Government approved

Everything we do is approved to the highest government standards and our facility is governed by licences and permits including:

- Industrial Emissions Directive
- Approved Authorised Treatment Facility
- Approved Battery Treatment Facility

We are also accredited to ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 18001 and regularly train Environment Agency Officers in WEEE best practice.

## Award winning

In 2014 Electrical Waste won the National Recycling Award for Efficiency and in 2015 they also won the National Recycling Award for Innovation.



- An estimated 2 million tonnes of WEEE are discarded in the UK every year.
- Over 2/3 of all electrical waste is currently unaccounted for.
- A single fluorescent tube can contaminate 32,000 litres of drinking water.
- Experts recommend evacuating and ventilating a room following a discharge lamp breakage until the mercury can be professionally removed.
- The estimated cost of waste crime to the UK economy is £538m per annum.
- The government Resource Minister has allocated an additional £4.2m to tackle waste crime in the UK.
- Electrical Waste Recycling have safely recycled over 75 million lamps since 2000.
- Which? bought 8 second hand hard drives from auction site eBay and were easily able to recover 22,000 files including personal, financial and confidential business data.
- More than 60% of computers discarded by professionals still contain sensitive data.
- CEF can offer a flexible, compliant and convenient WEEE and secure asset disposal service. So why risk a fine or imprisonment?

**Doing nothing is no longer an option**

# WEEE Compliance Checklist

Do the regulations apply to me and how do I know if I am compliant?

Do you have any of the following in your business or dispose of these for customers?

- Electrical items with mains plugs
- Indoor or outdoor lighting
- Electrical battery operated items
- Lamps

If you answer YES to any of these questions, you are required by law to be WEEE compliant...

Are you WEEE compliant?

- Do you have WEEE compliant storage?
- Do you have arrangements for it's disposal?
- Do you know how it's processed?
- Do you have paperwork for three years?
- Do you have an audit trail?

If you cannot answer yes to all these questions, you may be **breaking the law..**



# How do I comply?

Simply get in touch and we will do the rest.

We can provide a free on-site electrical waste assessment and recommendations to keep you legal and compliant.

Simply visit your local branch, contact your Account Manager, make an online request or call our help line.



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