

## Vehicle Restriction Policy – May 2014

### Delivery of Household Waste to Warwickshire's Household Waste Recycling Centres

This document sets out the policies relating to the acceptance of household waste in vans, pick-ups and other vehicles, and of trade waste at Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's).

#### 1. General Policy

- 1.1 Only household waste will be accepted at Household Waste Recycling Centres. It should normally be delivered in a car, estate car, or trailer under 1.83 metres in length (6 feet).
- 1.2 In addition to a maximum length of 1.83m, trailers should also be un-braked, single axle and 750kg maximum gross weight.
- 1.3 Trade waste (waste from a business) is accepted at Princes Drive HWRC, Leamington Spa and Hunters Lane HWRC, Rugby as they have the facilities to deal with it. A charge for disposal will be made. There is no restriction on the type of vehicle that can be used to deliver trade waste.
- 1.4 Exemptions from this policy are set out below and will be regulated by a system of permits and vouchers.
- 1.5 A permit or vouchers will not be issued for any vehicle which has a legal gross weight of over 3.5 tonnes.
- 1.6 No permit or vouchers will be issued for a hired or borrowed vehicle.

#### 2. Exemptions for Households who only own a Van or Pick-up

- 2.1 Where a household's only vehicle is a small van or pick-up, the householder can apply for vouchers to use the vehicle to deliver their own household waste. The householder will be issued with six vouchers entitling them to deliver household waste in that vehicle up to six times a year. Vouchers will be granted whether the vehicle is owned, or has been provided by an employer for domestic as well as business use.
- 2.2 For this exemption, small vans and pick-ups are considered to be ones which are a car derived van or a pick-up based vehicle, with a legal gross weight of under 2.2 tonnes, such as an Astra van, Vauxhall Combo, Courier, Citroen Belingo or Volkswagen Caddy.

- 2.3 Where there is a disabled person in the household and the only vehicle is a van or pick-up modified because of the needs of the disabled person, then the household can apply for an annual permit, instead of vouchers.
- 2.4 Where a household's only vehicle is one which weighs over 2.2 tonnes and which is fitted with side windows and two rows of seats, an application for exemption should be made. The householder will be issued with four vouchers entitling them to deliver household waste in that vehicle up to four times a year.

### **3. Exemptions for Specialist Vehicles**

- 3.1 **Pick-up based vehicles** (whether single or double cabbed), where the manufacturer or other converter has covered the rear part of the vehicle with a loose or hard cover (translucent or opaque) shall be treated as a pick-up if the free space below the cover is retained (i.e. there are no seats) and will be subject to the rules set out in section 1 and paras 2.2 - 2.4 above.
- 3.2 **Range Rovers and similar 4 x 4 vehicles** will be treated as;
- (i) A car provided they have windows in the sides of the rear compartment and have rear seats.
  - (ii) If they do not have windows in the sides of the rear compartment or rear seats, then they will be treated as a small van, provided the manufacturer's gross legal weight does not exceed 2.2 tonnes and will be issued with six vouchers.
  - (iii) If they exceed 2.2 tonnes they will be eligible for four vouchers, provided their gross legal weight does not exceed 3.5 tonnes.
- 3.3 **Other specialist (large) vehicles such as caravanettes, people carriers and minibuses** will be treated as:-
- (i) A car provided the rear seats have not been completely removed.
  - (ii) If the seats have been removed, they will be considered to be in the same category as any other vehicle over 2.2 tonnes and eligible for four vouchers for the delivery of household waste in that vehicle each year.

### **4. Exemptions for Parish Councils and Charities**

- 4.1 Exemptions from the general policy will be given to Parish and Town Council vehicles and the vehicles of registered charities, on application. The exemptions are subject to conditions relating to tonnages of waste delivered, frequency of visits etc. and will be regulated by permit.

### **5. Exemptions for the Disposal of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment**

- 5.1 Bulky household electrical and electronic equipment such as washing machines, televisions computer equipment and fridges, may be delivered in a van to

HWRC's (fridges and freezers are not accepted at Wellesbourne). This is provided that they are not accompanied by other waste and that the person delivering the items can satisfy the operator of the centre that the items are not trade waste.

## **6. Exemptions for Larger Trailers**

- 6.1 Trailers up to 2.5 metres in length are permitted for the disposal of unaccompanied compostable green waste on weekdays before 12 Noon (not Bank Holidays). Besides a maximum internal bed length of 2.5m, trailers qualifying for this exemption should also be un-braked, single axle and 750kg maximum gross weight.