

SEPA campaign messages, June 2016

Are you complying with your legal duty to separate materials for recycling?

A new SEPA campaign will target waste producers to raise awareness of how to stay within the law when it comes to the duty to recycle. This campaign is supported by SEPA's new enforcement measures, which include the potential to issue a £300 fixed monetary penalty (FMP), for persistent failure to comply with the duty to segregate material for recycling.

FMPs won't be used in isolation. They will work alongside our existing enforcement actions (e.g. advice and guidance, final warning letters, enforcement notices and reports to the Procurator Fiscal) to change the behaviour of offenders and drive them towards full compliance.

For more information about waste regulation please visit the SEPA website, contact us via zerowaste@sepa.org.uk or call 03000 99 66 99

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Regulations in Scotland require businesses to separate the following materials for recycling

- Glass**
 - including rinsed drinks bottles and food jars
- Metal**
 - including rinsed cans and tins
- Plastic**
 - including rinsed drinks bottles and food containers
- Cardboard**
 - preferably flattened
- Paper**
 - clean paper only
- Food waste**
 - from food preparation and leftovers

5 easy steps to stay within the law...

- 1. INFORMATION**
Look at what you're producing and get the right service from your waste contractor.
- 2.** Train your staff and label bins.
Glass, Food waste, Recyclables, Non-recyclables
- 3.** Think before you throw. Don't mix food waste, recyclables or non-recyclables. **Only** use black bin bags for non-recyclable waste.
- 4.** You are exempt from separating food waste **only** if you:
 - don't prepare or sell food;
 - qualify as a rural location;
 - produce less than 5kg of food waste per week.
- 5.** Put the right waste in the right place or face enforcement action from SEPA including a £300 fixed monetary penalty