

63045 Solar PV waste (WEEE Category 14) at HWRCs

We are investigating how solar PV waste moves through the waste system, in line with DEFRA's consultation on solar waste. We are particularly interested in solar PV panels (WEEE Category 14) received at your Household Waste Recycling Centres, which are treated as household WEEE under the WEEE Regulations.

Please provide the following information for all HWRC sites you operate. If you do not hold information for any item, please confirm that it is not held:

All information you hold on which categories of WEEE are accepted at your HWRCs.

Please refer to the following list:

- Large appliances: washing machines, dishwashers, cookers, ovens, microwaves, fridges, freezers.
- Small appliances: kettles, toasters, irons, vacuum cleaners, hairdryers, fans.
- IT equipment: computers, laptops, monitors, printers, keyboards, routers.
- Consumer electronics: TVs, radios, stereos, DVD players, games consoles, speakers.
- Lighting equipment: fluorescent tubes, LED lamps, CFL bulbs (where accepted).
- Electrical tools: drills, saws, sanders, grinders.
- Toys and leisure equipment: electronic toys, remote-controlled toys, games.
- Medical devices (non-infectious): certain electronic medical equipment.
- Monitoring and control instruments: thermostats, smoke alarms (subject to battery removal where applicable).
- Automatic dispensers: vending or dispensing devices (mainly commercial rather than household).

All information you hold on quantities of solar PV waste (WEEE Category 14) received at your HWRCs, including any available historical data on annual volumes since your records began (in tonnes and/or number of panels/units, whichever you hold).

For solar PV waste (Category 14) received at your HWRCs:

- a) Your process for separation, storage, and onward transfer.
- b) Whether it is combined with Small Mixed WEEE or handled separately.
- c) The name(s) of the contractor(s) or recycling company/companies that currently process it.

d) Any written procedures, contracts, transfer arrangements, or guidance documents relating to the above.

There are no records or data held specifically in relation to Solar PV panels received.