



WASTE SEGREGATION



INTRODUCTION

Effective waste segregation is one of the simplest and most impactful actions a football Club can take to reduce its environmental impact. By separating waste correctly at the point it is generated, Clubs can significantly increase recycling rates, reduce costs associated with general waste disposal and support a more circular approach to resources.

This resource provides practical guidance to help Clubs improve how waste is separated, managed and communicated within their facilities.

This resource will support your Club to:

- Understand what waste segregation is and why it matters.
- Set up effective waste separation systems across your facilities.
- Ensure compliance with waste regulations in Wales.
- Improve recycling rates and reduce contamination.
- Engage players, volunteers and supporters in correct waste disposal.





WASTE SEGREGATION

What is Waste Segregation and Why is it Important?

Waste segregation refers to the separation of different types of waste at source, ensuring materials such as recyclables and food waste are kept separate from general waste.

Segregating waste correctly allows materials to be recycled or composted, rather than sent to landfill or incineration.

This helps to:

- Reduce environmental impact.
- Lower waste disposal costs.
- Improve recycling performance.
- Support local and national sustainability targets in Wales.

Under the Workplace Recycling Regulations, organisations, including sports clubs, are required to separate key recyclable materials and food waste.

This makes effective waste segregation not just best practice, but a legal requirement for many Clubs.



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WASTE STREAMS

Waste Streams Your Club Should Consider

At a minimum, Clubs should ensure provision for the following waste streams:

Recycling

Recyclable materials typically include:

- Plastic bottles and containers.
- Cans and metals.
- Paper and cardboard.

All recyclable materials should be clean, dry and placed loosely in the correct bins to avoid contamination.

Food Waste

Food waste includes:

- Leftover food.
- Fruit and vegetable peelings.
- Tea bags and coffee grounds.

Clubs with kitchens, canteens or event catering should have dedicated food waste bins. These should be lined with compostable liners and collected regularly by a waste contractor.





BEST PRACTICES

Segregate Waste at Source

The most effective way to manage waste is to separate it where it is produced.

This could include:

- Changing rooms.
- Clubhouses.
- Canteens and kitchens.
- Pitch side and spectator areas.

Providing clearly labelled bins in these areas will make it easier for users to dispose of waste correctly.

Use Clear Signage

Clear, consistent signage is essential to support correct waste segregation.

Bin labels should:

Clearly show what can and cannot go in each bin.

Use images as well as text.

Be visible and easy to understand.

Place Bins Strategically

Bins should be placed in high footfall and high waste areas, with recycling and general waste bins located together to encourage correct use.





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Avoid Contamination

Contamination occurs when incorrect items are placed in recycling or food waste bins.

This can result in entire loads being rejected and sent to general waste.

Clubs can reduce contamination by:

- Providing clear guidance to users.
- Ensuring bins are correctly labelled.
- Monitoring and reviewing bin usage.

Engage Your Club Community

Waste segregation is most effective when everyone plays a role.

Clubs should:

- Communicate clearly with players, volunteers and supporters.
- Use events and matchdays to promote good practice.
- Encourage a culture of responsibility and sustainability.

Separate Collection of Waste Materials for Recycling: Code of Practice for Wales

The [code of practice](#) provides practical guidance on how to meet the separation requirements in the Waste Separation Requirements (Wales) Regulations 2023.





FURTHER SUPPORT

Improving waste segregation is a practical and achievable step that can deliver immediate benefits for your Club. By ensuring waste is separated correctly, Clubs can increase recycling rates, reduce costs and support compliance with Welsh regulations.

You do not need to change everything at once. Start by reviewing your current bin setup and identifying a small number of improvements, such as better signage, additional recycling bins or introducing food waste collection where needed.

Use what you have learned in this resource to:

- Inform one of your Green Goals.
- Improve waste segregation across your facilities.
- Support your Club's Waste Action Plan.
- Engage members and supporters in sustainable behaviours.

Even small changes, such as placing clearly labelled recycling bins next to general waste bins, can significantly improve recycling rates and reduce your Club's environmental impact over time.

Further information on Waste can be found at www.faw.cymru/TogetherGreener-waste

If you require support with this resource, please contact sustainability@faw.cymru