

Site Waste Management Plans

In England, from 6 April 2008, there must be a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) in place for all new developments worth more than £300,000 (excluding VAT). If the project was planned before this and construction starts before 1 July 2008 then no SWMP is required.

The SWMP must be updated throughout the lifetime of the project. During this time it will be possible to identify ways waste can be reduced and site-gained materials can be reused or recycled.

At the earliest stages of a project it is advisable to identify materials that cannot be reused and to find alternative uses for them.

What should an SWMP contain?

Projects between £300,000 and £500,000 (excluding VAT) should contain:

- types of waste removed from the site**
- identity of the person who removed the waste**
- site that the waste is taken to.**

Projects over this should contain:

- types of waste removed from the site**
- identity of the person who removed the waste and their**
- waste carrier registration number**
- a description of the waste**
- site that the waste was taken to**
- environmental permit or exemption held by the site where the material is taken.**

At the end of the project the plan must be reviewed and reasons shown for any differences between the plan and reality.