

# Scottish Zero Waste Regulations

**Waste legislation can be complex and difficult to comprehend. Our straight talking, no nonsense guides to make it easier to understand how each law affects you. Compliance comes as standard in everything we do, protecting your organisation every step of the way.**



## 1. Overview

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Scotland has implemented new Regulations that from 1 January 2014, require all businesses to consider how they manage their waste. Ultimately aimed at reducing waste to landfill to virtually zero by 2015, these Regulations must be understood by every waste producer.

## 2. Are you affected

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Any business other than those that are based in extremely rural areas will be required to participate. A postcode search website has been developed to see whether your business address is affected.

## 3. Summary

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From 1 January 2014 - Stage 1 of the requirement is for all affected businesses to separate out the paper/cardboard, plastic, metals and glass from other waste for separate collection. These materials can be collected co-mingled, but only if by doing so, the quality of recycling is not affected. In addition, food businesses – retailers, manufacturers, restaurants (including canteens) etc – that produce more than 50kgs per week of food waste must also have that separately collected.

## 4. What are we doing?

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Our collections services will all be fully compliant with these requirements. But it will require our customers to ensure that they comply by separating out the materials into the containers provided and ensuring that only the correct materials are placed in each container. (or alternative - But it is still the waste producer's legal responsibility to ensure that waste materials are properly segregated.)

## 5. What next

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From 1 January 2016 – Stage 2 will see the food threshold fall to 5kgs per week and will also see the banning of the use of food macerators that feed into the drains.

From 1 January 2021, biodegradable waste eg food, cardboard, wood etc will be banned from landfill.

## 6. More information

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