

# WASTE REGULATIONS

**The way you are required to dispose of your commercial and industrial waste changed back in 2015**

With the use of our **racksack®** products and following the guide, we can help you meet the guidelines!

From **January 1st, 2015**, the UK waste regulations require businesses to segregate their waste into general and recyclables. These recyclables include paper, plastic, metal and glass. Generally whilst businesses are currently advised to recycle as much as possible there is no strict legislation, however since 2015 you must ensure that all your dry recyclables are segregated from your general waste before being collected by a waste company.



**Typical waste segregation for businesses should be:**



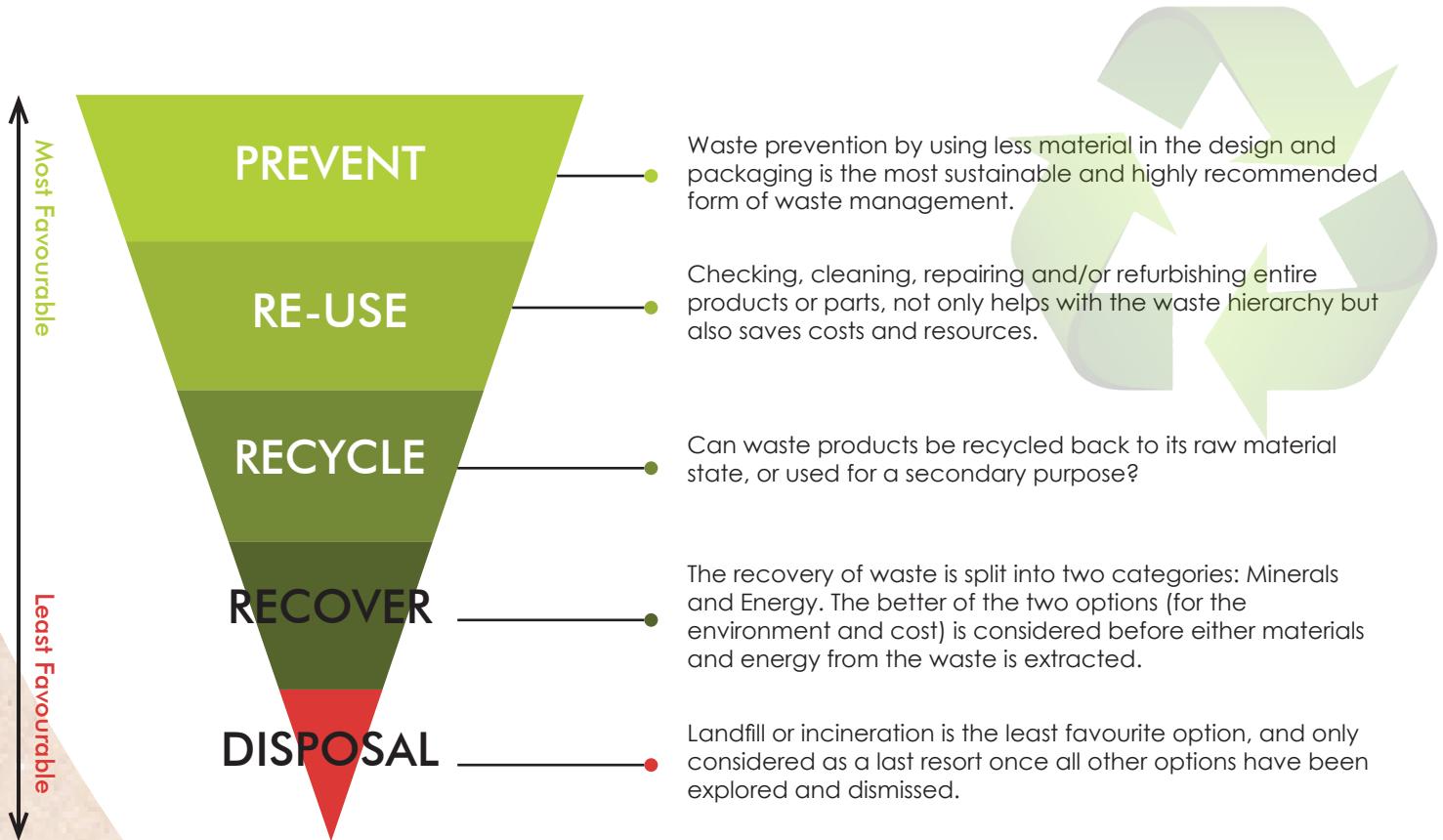
**What does it mean to me?**

Since the legislation has now been in force for some years, businesses should already be working on a waste hierarchy.

## What is the waste hierarchy?

The waste hierarchy should follow a typical 5 point plan and is set out in the EU Waste framework directive which can be found by clicking here:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/waste/framework/>



## Businesses must be able to demonstrate that their waste procedures are sufficient and comply

Our racksack products contribute to waste segregation as you move around the workplace. This in turn helps industries re-use, recycle and recover waste.

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racksacks fixed to prominent positions at the end of each aisle of racking



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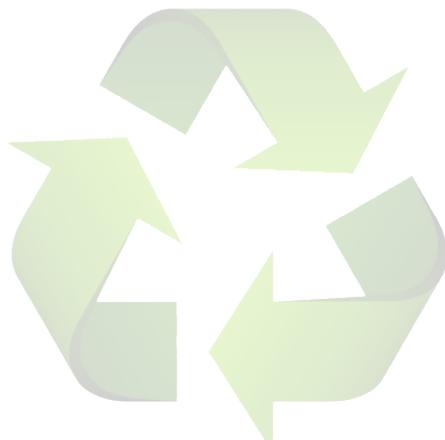
## Mobile racksacks for trolleys and rollcage sacks



Using these products allows for the collection and segregation of waste at the first point of contact. Traditional methods of collecting waste can be less economical in the long term, comparing purchasing black sacks that are used once against racksacks that can be used for several years. Also, black sacks do not help identify recyclable materials meaning that the waste hierarchy is not followed.

## Help to encourage staff to recycle with some simple tips:

- Encouraging staff to **use recycling points/bins** rather than individual waste bins that do not segregate waste
- Show employees that by **re-using certain packaging material** not only is it cost saving directly, it reduces waste going to landfill. With waste collection prices rising it also helps to **reduce costs** for the business.
- Create **clear and simple methods** to help collect and segregate waste – the easier it is for employees the more chance of the waste hierarchy being used to its full potential.



*Further details on the 2015 waste legislation can be found here:*

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/waste>