

Waste upholstered domestic seating landfill ban

As you may already be aware, the Environment Agency has issued clarification / guidance recently regards the disposal of upholstery containing Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs).

From 1 January 2023 this waste will no longer be able to be sent to landfill and must be destroyed through incineration. This will include any furniture item with cushioning / padding such as sofas, settees, sofa beds, dining / office style chairs, futons, pouffes, floor and seating cushions, beanbags etc. It excludes mattresses, carpets and curtains.

Unfortunately, even after removing the cushions or dismantling an item, we may still not be able to accept the waste. We will not be able to accept, any waste seating item, including any part of that item, that still contains any upholstery / fabric / padding / cushioning etc. The decision of site staff on whether an item may contain Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) and as such cannot be accepted, will be final.

We had hoped that the Environment Agency's guidance may have been modified or consideration given to longer implementation times, unfortunately this has not been the case to date.

Capacity for appropriate treatment and incineration is extremely limited. As such, despite our best efforts, we have been unable to secure sufficient capacity and resilience to guarantee that we will be able to effectively manage the likely volumes that we will receive.

From **16 December 2022** we will temporarily not be able to accept this material from you at our Whetstone Waste Transfer Station, as we need to manage available capacity for our residents.

We hope that this will only be a temporary measure and that we can provide you with a service of some form for this material later in 2023. Unfortunately, we cannot be more specific on timescales or what that service may look like at this time, please keep your eye on our website for any updates.

Useful links

[GOV.UK – Waste containing persistent organic pollutants \(POPs\)](#)

[GOV.UK – Recycling and waste management](#)

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding and cooperation.