



Controlled waste fact sheet

Packaged controlled waste vehicles

What is packaged controlled waste?

Under the Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations):

packaged controlled waste means a controlled waste that is transported otherwise than as a bulk controlled waste ...

This may include transportation in drums, skip bins, intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) or solid wastes such as tyres and contaminated soil.

Do packaged vehicles need a controlled waste licence to transport packaged controlled waste?

Vehicles transporting packaged controlled waste do not need a controlled waste licence; however, the vehicle must be operated by a licensed controlled waste carrier.

Packaged controlled waste vehicles operate under a controlled waste carrier licence, and any conditions on that carrier licence may apply to the vehicle transporting the packaged controlled waste.

The department's Controlled Waste Tracking System (CWTS) tracks the movement of controlled waste transported on roads in Western Australia (WA). The movement of controlled waste may be recorded by a carrier on a paper controlled waste tracking form, or electronically in

CWTS. To use the CWTS, all vehicles transporting controlled waste need to be listed with the department.

How do I list a packaged controlled waste vehicle in the CWTS?

To list a packaged controlled waste vehicle in the CWTS a carrier is advised to:

- submit [Form CW5 – List of vehicle\(s\) or trailers\(s\) used to transport packaged controlled waste](#)
- attach a copy of the vehicle's current registration paper, as issued by the Department of Transport.

Packaged controlled waste vehicle requirements

The carrier should ensure the carrier's licence conditions are met with regard to their packaged controlled waste vehicles such that the carrier ensures:

- any vehicle used to transport packaged controlled waste has a sign on both sides and rear of the vehicle that states in writing of at least 50 mm:
 - the words 'Controlled Waste'
 - the name of the carrier or the business name
 - the carrier's licence number
- a vehicle used to transport packaged controlled waste is fitted with rigid sides or gates



- no controlled waste packages protrude above the sides or gates of the vehicle by more than 30 per cent of the height of the package
- different waste codes of packaged controlled waste are not mixed within individual packages with the exception of J100 – Waste mineral oils unfit for their intended purpose together with coolant waste categorised in Waste Code M130 – Non halogenated organic chemicals
- each unit of packaged controlled waste, with the exception of Waste Codes T140 – Used tyres and N120 – Soils contaminated with a controlled waste, is clearly labelled with the waste code and waste name it contains before being transported
- all packaged controlled waste is stowed securely during transport
- when transporting packaged controlled waste that the waste is transported in a separate compartment from the driver.

Spill management plan

Carrier licence conditions specify the need for a carrier to have a documented spill management plan (SMP). A SMP outlines the actions to be taken in the event of a controlled waste spill.

Licence conditions also specify that the carrier must ensure a copy of the SMP accompanies any vehicle transporting controlled waste on a road, and that suitable spill management equipment must

accompany vehicles transporting controlled waste on a road.

For further information on spill management plans, please refer to [the controlled waste fact sheet](#), on the department website or contact the department on 08 6364 7000.

Can controlled waste be transported using a CWTS-listed vehicle if its carrier's licence is suspended?

No. Controlled waste cannot be transported on a CWTS-listed packaged controlled waste vehicle if the carrier's licence is suspended.

How do I amend or update my vehicle details?

If a vehicle or trailer's listing requires changes to its postal address or Department of Transport vehicle registration, complete and submit to the department [Form CW8 – Amendment to a carrier or vehicle controlled waste licence](#). If a vehicle or trailer is decommissioned, the department should also be notified in writing.



More information

For advice on compliance with the Regulations or any other controlled waste matter, please contact the department on 08 6364 7000, or email controlled.waste@dwer.wa.gov.au.

This document is available in alternative formats and other languages on request.

Related documents

Additional [publications about controlled waste](#) and related [controlled waste fact sheets](#) are available on the department website, or by contacting the department on 08 6364 7000.

Legislation

This document is provided for guidance only. It should not be relied upon to address every aspect of the relevant legislation.

Please refer to the Regulations and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* available from the Parliamentary Counsel's Office. Free electronic copies are available from the [Parliamentary Counsel's Office website](#).

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