

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (or WEEE) Regulations are UK law. All European member states including the UK have agreed to reduce the amount of WEEE that is being disposed of in landfill sites.

It is important that the amount of WEEE sent to landfill sites is reduced because:

- Some WEEE can be re-used or recycled. The amount of landfill space available in the UK is decreasing. If we can keep WEEE out of landfill sites it means there is more landfill space available for non-recyclable waste.
- WEEE can contain hazardous substances. When left in landfill sites the hazardous substances in WEEE can pollute soil and contaminate water supplies. This contamination can damage human health and the environment.

Distributors of new Electrical and Electronic Equipment (or EEE) have a part to play in reducing the amount of WEEE going into landfill sites.

The WEEE directive requires that manufacturers of electrical and electronic equipment who sell into EU countries: (1) label their equipment to notify customers that it needs to be recycled, and (2) ensure that their products are appropriately disposed of or recycled at the end of their lifespan.

The definition of a WEEE product is one whose primary function is dependent on electrical currents to carry out the main function. However, some products, are not classed as WEEE as its primary function is something else. Further information is available at:

<http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/waste/32084.aspx>

Cardwave is committed to meeting all legal requirements of the The Waste Electrical Electronic and Equipment Regulations 2013, and is registered for WEEE Compliance under the compliance number **WEE/CJ4840YQ**

Under the WEEE Regulations, all new electrical goods should now be marked with the crossed-out wheellie bin symbol below:



The WEEE wheelee bin symbol on the product indicates they were produced after 13 August 2005 and must not be disposed of with normal household waste. Instead such marked waste equipment must be disposed of by arranging to return to a designated collection point for the recycling of WEEE. Separating and recycling this waste equipment at time of disposal will help to conserve natural resources and ensure that the equipment is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

Any Cardwave products that are held by private households should be recycled via your local collection facilities. Details of these should be obtained from your local authority.

Any products supplied to business customers should be disposed of appropriately to meet the WEEE EU directive where applicable.

In accordance with Community waste legislation, Cardwave confirms that treatment and recycling of WEEE done on behalf of Cardwave, will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the WEEE Directive.