

# Household Recycling Centre (HRC) entry permits – the new rules

## **Why are the rules being changed ?**

We need to prevent illegal disposal of trade waste at HRCs for both environmental and financial reasons - illegal waste disposal costs us all money. Large vehicles and trailers can also cause congestion, inconvenience and delays to other site users, in addition to safety concerns whilst manoeuvring in the sites. Unfortunately these vehicles are often used to bring mixed loads of waste which are not recycled.

The new rules make it easier for customers using cars with small trailers who will no longer need permits at Shropshire Council HRCs.

## **When do the new rules come into effect ?**

The rules will be strictly enforced from 2 November 2009. From then, any vehicles or trailers too large or unsuitable to use the HRCs will be turned away, **whether or not a permit has been provided.**

## **What waste can be taken to HRCs ?**

The HRCs are for residents household and garden waste only, and small amounts of 'do – it – yourself' waste. Waste from any business, and any waste carried for profit cannot be accepted and disposing of this waste at a HRC is illegal.

## **What kinds of vehicles will no longer be allowed into Shropshire Council HRCs ?**

Any vehicle longer than 5 metres (16 ft 5in) or higher than 2.1 metres (7ft), also 'Transit' size pick ups, all tipper vehicles, medium and high roofed vans, large flatbed vehicles, Luton Vans, horse boxes and tractors.

## **What kinds of vehicles need a permit to use the HRCs ?**

Vans and commercial type vehicles smaller than the limits above, 4x4s with pick up or goods type body, camper vans and minibuses cars with medium sized trailers.

## **Will I need a permit to use my trailer at the HRC ?**

If your trailer is 1.2 metres (4ft) x 1 metre (3ft 3in) or less, internally, then you don't need a permit, to use a Shropshire Council HRC unless you are towing it with a van. If you have a medium sized trailer – no larger than 2.1 metres (7ft) x 1.2 metres (4ft) internally, then you need a permit. **All trailers larger than this are not allowed into Shropshire Council HRCs.**

## **How many entry permits can I have each year ?**

From November 2009, 10 permits can be issued to an address over a twelve month period. This means that once the permits have been issued, another application cannot be made until 12 months later.

Permits issued before November 2009 will still be valid, provided the vehicle or trailer is acceptable at the HRC.

## **Can I have more than one name on the permit ?**

Two names can be on the permit if both people live at the same address. Permits are only valid for the drivers named and cannot be used by anyone else.

### **What if I change my vehicle ?**

If you change your vehicle you will need to apply for permits for the new vehicle and return your unused permits. If you have used up 10 permits issued after November 2009, you cannot apply for more until 12 months after the previous application.

### **I'm hiring a van – do I need a permit ?**

First check that the van is no larger than 5 metres (16 ft 5in) long or 2.1 metres (7ft) high - larger vehicles, and tipper trucks are not allowed into the HRCs. If you are hiring the van for less than 7 days and taking household waste to a Shropshire Council HRC you don't need a permit, but you must bring the hire documents with you to the HRC. These will be checked by site staff. If you use a Telford Community Recycling Centre you will need an entry permit (see '**How do I get permits**' below) .

### **What if I want to get rid of construction waste, my vehicle or trailer is too large to use the HRC, or if I run out of permits ?**

Details of skip hire and waste collection services are shown in trade telephone directories. You may be able to use waste transfer stations adjacent to HRCs on payment and by arrangement with the contractor – ring 01743 452150 for information.

### **Can I still use Telford and Wrekin Council Community Recycling Centres ?**

Shropshire Council residents can use these facilities but you must have a permit if you use a commercial type vehicle or any trailer (see 'How do I get permits' below).

### **Won't the new rules lead to more flytipping ?**

Most flytipped waste is from businesses, or has been collected for profit. It is not acceptable to allow the illegal disposal of this waste at HRCs to prevent illegal acts elsewhere. Remember that if you pay someone to take waste away and it is disposed of illegally, you can be held responsible.

### **How do I get permits ?**

Apply on line – [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk) and follow the links to recycling centre entry permits.

Call us on 0345 678 9007 with details of your vehicle (lines open Mondays/Thursdays 8am to 8pm, Tuesdays/ Wednesdays/Fridays 8am to 6pm, Saturdays 9am to 1pm).

Visit a Customer First Point to apply 'over the counter'

Complete a postal application form, available at HRCs, libraries and Shropshire Council offices.

**Please note - permits are only issued by first class post**

**More information ? Ring 0345 678 9007**