

Contractors and Developers Voluntary Agreement

Summary

This is a voluntary commitment by contractors and developers and their trade associations; Federation of Plastering and Drywall Contractors (FPDC), Housebuilders Federation (HBF), Major Contractors Group (MCG), and National Contractor Federation (NCF), to work with plasterboard sector stakeholders and achieve a reduction in plasterboard waste being disposed of in landfill. The agreement has been developed in collaboration with the Building Research Establishment (BRE) managed Construction Resources and Waste Platform (CRWP), Waste Resource and Action Programme (WRAP) and Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Areas (Defra).

Headline Targets for achievement by 2010

- 1. For contractors and developers to engage with other plasterboard sector stakeholders¹, to undertake activities which reduce the amount of new plasterboard waste sent to landfill, with a long term view to achieving the objective of zero waste sent to landfill by 2025;**
- 2. To reduce the amount of plasterboard waste² generated from new construction and refurbishment in both residential and commercial projects to 15%;**
- 3. To encourage reuse, recycling and recovery of plasterboard waste³ at all sites, detailing plasterboard waste management in their Site Waste Management Plans.**

¹ These would include architects, specifiers, manufacturers, builders merchants, demolition and waste management contractors, recyclers and anyone else in the plasterboard supply chain.

² Waste results from installing board, system design or from poor project and site management.

³ Preference should be given to reclamation and recycling schemes that have a minimal negative environmental impact.

Direct Actions Supporting the Achievement of the Headline Targets:

Target 1

- Contractors, Developers and their trade associations will continue to work with WRAP and BRE CRWP, together with other stakeholders to identify and implement solutions for minimising waste to landfill and maximising recovery of waste from site, where it is technically and economically feasible to do so.
- Contractors, Developers and their trade associations to work with WRAP to produce best practice guidance and advice about management of material on site and a tool kit to accurately measure waste arising and reclamation, resulting in production of a benchmark for the sector in both housing and commercial new construction.

Target 2

- Contractors and developers will make efforts to implement a standard measurement of waste arising, benchmarking performance, and seek to reduce waste from improved management of material on site through adoption of identified best practice.

Target 3

- Contractors and developers will work to improve the segregation of waste on site and support recycling / recovery routes where technically and economically viable to do so.

Output

Performance against the objectives and targets will be monitored by the FPDC, HBF, MCG and NCF. Companies will return annual data to their respective trade associations to compile and submit collated figures to WRAP for annual review. The first review will be completed twelve months after signing the agreement. In the first year there will be an interim review taking into account any relevant issues that may have arisen.