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Biffa press release

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Waste Safe Mini makes problem waste easy

Recycling and waste management company Biffa has launched an essential service making it easy for businesses to recycle hazardous waste such as light bulbs, batteries and electrical items.

Despite items like these being legally classed as hazardous waste, to date businesses have often not known how to dispose of them correctly.

Biffa's new Waste-Safe Mini makes dealing with these items easy by supplying a cost-effective and hassle free storage and collection service for up to 25kg of mixed hazardous waste. It has been designed to suit larger businesses and those operating from industrial sites as well as those based in offices and shops, producing lower volumes of hazardous waste.

Announcing the launch of Waste Safe Mini, Biffa general manager, hazardous waste, Adrian Witherow said: "Waste Safe Mini helps any business throwing away things like old batteries or aerosols to make sure they are doing so in a quick, easy and cost efficient way whilst making sure they are complying with sometimes complex legislation.

"Waste-Safe Mini is a national service that could also help your business to achieve its corporate social responsibility (CSR) aims and the ISO 14001 environmental standard."

Measuring just 600cm wide, 400cm in depth and 37cm high, the Waste-Safe Mini box is easy to store in a convenient place, making it as easy as possible to use.

The items that can be disposed of include bulbs and UV lamps, alkaline batteries, adhesives such as superglue, aerosols, waste electrical items (WEEE), full or part full paint tins, mineral oil (packaged), oil filters to rags or granules contaminated with oil or solvent.

Biffa's experienced hazardous waste specialist teams and nationwide infrastructure for the collection, treatment and disposal of hazardous wastes ensures that all items are dealt with in the best way, recycling where possible and keeping the amount of waste sent to landfill as low as possible.

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Notes to editors:

Hazardous waste

Hazardous waste is waste that may be harmful to human health, the environment or both. Typical examples of hazardous waste include:

- Chemical wastes, e.g. brake fluid, printer toner
- Redundant or broken electrical equipment with potentially harmful components such as cathode ray tubes or lead solder , e.g. computer monitors, televisions
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Vehicle and other lead-acid batteries
- Waste oils, including oily sludges
- Waste refrigerators containing ozone-depleting substances
- Solvents, e.g. aerosols
- Lead-acid batteries
- Pesticides

About Biffa

- Biffa is the UK's leading nationwide integrated waste management business that provides waste collection, treatment, recycling and recovery services
- Biffa provides waste management services for both commercial and industrial (business) and municipal (household) waste
- Biffa works with businesses to reduce their environmental impact and waste costs across the following sectors: Construction, Education, Financial Institutes, Health, Social and Community, Manufacturing, Office Recycling, Printing and Publishing, Public Sector, Transport and Storage, Utilities, Wholesale, Retail and Hotels and Restaurants

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- Biffa ensures as much business waste as possible is diverted from landfill to recycling and energy recovery - reducing long-term costs and improving environmental performance
- Biffa develops long-term partnerships with clients, bringing them the benefits of in-depth expertise, wide ranging industry experience and leading edge technological resources.