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Private Households

WEEE Regulations:

The EU Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive 2002 96EC is now transposed into UK law by the UK WEEE Regulations 2006 SI No 3289 (as amended).

The legislation aims to ensure systems are in place in the UK to minimise the disposal of WEEE as unsorted municipal waste and to achieve a high level of collection of WEEE for treatment recovery and environmentally sound disposal.

The UK Regulations also mean that suppliers of new electrical and electronic equipment like retailers, distributors and distant sellers, (such as internet retailers), shall ensure that WEEE from private households can be returned to him free of charge and on a one-to-one basis by that person, provided that any such WEEE-

- (a) is of equivalent type to, and
- (b) has fulfilled the same function as, the equipment supplied.

The amount of WEEE we throw away is increasing by around 5% each year, making it the fastest growing waste stream in the UK.

- By failing to separately collect WEEE much of it ends up in landfill, where the hazardous materials it contains can cause soil and water contamination. This can have a harmful effect on natural habitat, wildlife and also human health.
- Many electrical items that we throw away can be repaired and re-used or recycled. Recycling items helps to save our finite natural resources and also reduces the environmental and health risks associated with sending electrical goods to landfill.
- Users of Electrical and Electronic Equipment from Private Households can help improve the re-use, recycling and recovery rates of WEEE in the UK by avoiding the co-mingling and disposal of WEEE items in general waste and ensuring they use the systems in place to deal with their WEEE.

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

City Electrical Factors are obliged, under the UK Regulations, to offer our customers from Private Households free take-back of their WEEE on a like-for-like basis when you buy from us a new electrical or electronic product.

Customers must return their WEEE item to us within 28 days of purchasing their new item.

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



Goods are marked with this symbol to show that they were produced after 13th August 2005, and should be disposed of separately from normal household waste so that they can be recycled.