



EXCAVATIONS & GROUND WORKS

As from the 6th April 2008 Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) (The Site Waste Management Plan Regulations 2008) (Regulations SI 2008: No. 314 issued under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005) became law.

If you are involved in a construction or demolition project, in the UK, worth £300,000 or more, you have a legal duty to complete a Site Waste Management Plan, often abbreviated to SWMP. If your project is worth £500,000 or more, the requirements become more detailed.

NO WORK SHOULD COMMENCE unless there is a Site Waste Management Plan in place.

Each project should have one SWMP, which is a live document that must be updated through the course of the project. The Plan has also to be kept by the Principal Contractor (under these regulations) for two years after completion of the construction phase.

To avoid a fixed penalty of £300.00 a site waste management plan should be available upon request. There are differing requirements on projects costed at between £300,000 to £500,000 and those costed at over £500,000.