



Waste Management Policy

Introduction

UK construction sites consume vast amounts of materials every year and generate about a third of all UK waste. Construction sites face ever increasing waste disposal costs – costs that represent only a fraction of the true cost of waste. Some 10 - 30% of the materials, that end up as waste on construction sites, have never actually been used - a major waste of resources.

All surplus or waste materials fall into three categories for management, these are:

• Re-used, Recycled & Landfill

- a. **Re-used** If surplus materials can be used in the permanent works, they are classified as materials, which have been *re-used*. If they are surplus to requirements and need to be removed from site and they can be removed and used in their present form, they can be removed from site for *reuse*.
- b. **Recycling** If the surplus material cannot be re-used in its present form but could be used in a different form, it could be sent for *recycling* such as 50x50 timbers to make chipboard.
- c. **Landfill** If either of the above cannot be satisfied then the only option left is to send the surplus materials to *landfill*. Landfill is a last resort.

Significant cost savings and other benefits can be achieved by implementing better waste management on construction sites, where increasingly demanding evidence of improved environmental performance and specifying the use of waste monitoring and targets is becoming the norm.

The MCCARTHYS Ltd SWMP

MCCARTHYS Ltd has appointed **Specialist Waste Contractor** to undertake the provision and ongoing management of SWMP's on their construction sites.

MCCARTHYS Ltd will involve **Specialist Waste Contractor** in the very early stages of a project's life, to enable the SWMP to be formulated.

MCCARTHYS Ltd, as the Principle Contractor shall make available / distribute copies of the SWMP plan to the Client, Site Manager and each Subcontractor. A copy of the SWMP shall be maintained and held on site in the Construction Phase Health and Safety Plan.

MCCARTHYS Ltd, with the assistance of **Specialist Waste Contractor** are committed to implementing SWMP's so they are effective, accurate and economical and where necessary, will ensure that procedures are developed, implemented and maintained.

MCCARTHYS Ltd Project / Site Management, in collaboration with **Specialist Waste Contractor's** Regional Accounts Manager, will co-ordinate SWMP operations and as such will be responsible for collating and documenting results / waste related data. Toolbox talks will be carried out with all subcontractors on waste issues and the SWMP will also be mentioned in the site induction process, thus, ensuring everyone included and fully understands their participation is important and meaningful.

MCCARTHYS Ltd will tackle Waste Minimisation by encouraging Trade Contractors, Design Teams and Suppliers to look at ways to minimise the amount of waste produced at the work face.

Signed on behalf of McCarthy's.

Signed:



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