

Print Clear Labels. Use the Right Ones.

FREE RESOURCES FOR WASTE BUSINESSES

1. Choose the pages you need

The waste-stream pack has 36 A4 labels. The warning pack has nine chemical hazard pictograms and one COSHH storage reminder. These are neutral trade templates with a small provider credit; add your site or container details in the space provided.

2. Print one label per A4 sheet

Use portrait orientation and actual size / 100% where your printer permits. Use fit-to-page if the border clips. Select individual page numbers from the indexes in this guide rather than printing the whole pack. Print hazard signs in colour so the red diamond is retained.

3. Agree accepted materials first

Labels identify agreed containers and storage areas. They do not make an unsuitable container safe or authorise a waste company to accept a material. Waste classification, the collector's acceptance rules, packaging and site controls still apply. No fixed EWC codes are printed because codes depend on the source and properties of the waste.

4. Keep battery collections clear

Use mixed-battery labels only for an approved mixture. Keep lead acid and damaged, leaking or swollen batteries out of routine mixed collections. The battery-check page is a reporting reminder, not an instruction to place damaged batteries into a particular container. Obtain battery-specific storage and transport instructions.

5. Hazard signs are supplementary

Select pictograms from the confirmed hazards, not just from a waste name such as oil or paint. Use the safety data sheet where applicable, competent waste classification and the site risk assessment. These sheets are reminder signs, not complete GB CLP chemical labels or ADR dangerous goods transport labels. They do not include all required label elements or transport markings.

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Hazard Reminders & Source Guidance

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09 ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD (GHS09)

10 COSHH STORAGE - site assessment reminder

COSHH means Control of Substances Hazardous to Health. There is no single COSHH pictogram. The red diamonds are chemical hazard pictograms; use the relevant ones only when confirmed for the substance or waste.

The warning sheets start on page 40 in the complete pack. Add 39 to the warning-pack page number.

Sources and artwork

HSE: hazard pictograms and labelling

HSE: COSHH

Environment Agency: waste classification

PubChem / NIH: GHS pictogram artwork

Hazard pictograms reproduced from the PubChem GHS gallery, checked against HSE guidance. Original label layout by Quality Waste Recycling. Free to print and share; keep the safety wording intact.