

Terms of Local Authorities presently running a Re-Use Credits Scheme

Local Authority: Cheshire County Council

Principal method of disposal: landfill.

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Scheme Summary: Organisations such as furniture stores must register with the Local Authority, the organisation must:

- give a stock number to each item
- complete delivery receipts for each item
- submit a monthly claim form for the diverted items

Amounts Paid: So far, three furniture stores have registered, smaller companies feel that the administration is not worth their while. The authority pays full average amount of the costs of disposal i.e. an agreed calculation has been made for the average fridge, freezer, cooker etc. Amount Paid 2004-05 = £37.29 per tonne increasing annually in line with the Landfill tax.

Local Authority: Lancashire County Council

Principal method of Disposal: Landfill

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Scheme Summary: re-use organisations are checked to ensure bonafide credentials, they are also regularly visited to back up evidence submitted through audit trail paperwork. For each item diverted the organisation must submit a receipt for collection or adoption including address, an inventory number and weigh sheet plus a receipt or sales ticket for the final owner; submission of full documentation and payment is quarterly. Although this sounds complicated it ensures at a county level that people know where the diverted waste originates from.

Amounts Paid: 2005-06 £37.02 per tonne (average cost of landfill county wide). In annual year 2004-05, 638 tonnes were diverted from landfill.

Local Authority: Blackburn and Darwen Borough Council

Principal method of Disposal: Landfill

Officer: Stuart Hammond tel: 01254 585863

Scheme Summary: The Re-use organisation (only one has an arrangement to claim) must provide detailed addressed receipts of all items delivered to end customers for all items rather than items collected as some of the latter may of course not be reusable.

Amounts Paid: 2005-06 £34.66 per tonne

Local Authority: Devon Council

Principal method of Disposal: Landfill

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Scheme Summary: The Re-use organisation must register as a Member of the Devon Furniture Forum (DFF) who process the administration documents for joint submission to the Local waste authority.

Must provide detailed addressed receipts of all items delivered to end customers, the calculated amounts are based on actual weight of the goods per item not estimated tonnage.

Amounts Paid: 2005-06 £30.00 per tonne

Local Authority: Norfolk County Council

Principal method of Disposal: Landfill

Officer: Alistair Rushholme tel: 01603 223130

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Scheme Summary: Only refurbished furniture and tested white goods. The Re-use organisation must register with Norfolk County Council and submit claim forms detailing addressed receipts of all items delivered to end customers, against an itemised print out of all goods handled per period. The amounts are based on actual weight of the goods per item not estimated tonnage. The Council spot checks the registered organisations to ensure proper practice.

Amounts Paid: 2005-06 £39.50 – £47.00 per tonne presently variable across the district dependant upon landfill savings.

Local Authority: Gloucestershire County Council

Principal method of Disposal: Landfill

Officer: John Jackson tel: 01452 426895 john.jackson@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Scheme Summary: Organisations must complete an application form to register with the authority and this is approved by the District and County councils; there are presently 5 furniture re-use stores registered under the scheme. The Re-use organisation needs to submit detailed records and submit copies with claim forms monthly. Fridges are disallowed and it must be proven that items come from households.

Amounts Paid: 2005-06 £41.91 per tonne equivalent to landfill savings + tax.
