

# Collection: National operator waste returns

*Updated:* The Environment Agency has published the materials facility combined waste returns spreadsheet. They've removed the PDF form for paper returns to encourage electronic submissions. The paper form is still available by request. They've also removed the out of date waste returns spreadsheet guide.

Operators with an environmental permit must complete waste returns to tell the Environment Agency about the waste they have received or removed from their site.

The Environment Agency uses this information to:

- monitor a site's compliance with its environmental permit conditions
- compile national statistics about waste

## How to complete your waste return

You can complete your return in 1 of 3 ways:

1. Use the [Generic Operator Returns spreadsheet](#) to upload or enter your data.
2. [Email](#) your waste returns spreadsheet.
3. Request a paper form from the Environment Agency – call 03708 506 506 ([see call charges](#)) or email [enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk).

## Deadlines for submitting waste returns

### Quarterly returns

Quarters	Deadline for return
1 January to 31 March	30 April
1 April to 30 June	31 July
1 July to 30 September	31 October
1 October to 31 December	31 January

### Yearly returns

Annual return period	Deadline for return
1 January to 31 December	31 January of the following year