

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

Dear Customer,

In August 2022, the Environment Agency issued guidance^[1] on legal requirements for the collection and disposal of waste upholstered domestic seating (WUDS), due to the assumed presence of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) in both the textiles and foam found in this type of waste.

The advice stated that from 1st January 2023 upholstered domestic seating containing POPs **must not be**:

- Landfilled
- Contaminate other non-POPs containing wastes
- Re-used or recycled

What does this mean for you?

We must now handle this type of waste in strict way, resulting in the cost of handling and disposal drastically changing. For clarity, this guidance relates to the following items of WUDS:



Sofa



Beanbag



Office Chair



Armchair



Cushion



Stool/Dining Chair

A surcharge for disposal of these items at one of our Materials Recovery Facility or through our skip hire service is:

- **Large POPs** = £50.00 per item
I.e., multi-seat sofa and armchairs

- **Small POPs** = £25.00 per item
I.e., upholstered seat/stool, and office chairs and cushions

These surcharges are subject to the WUDS being separate from other waste if part of a mixed load and/or not at risk of contaminating the other waste within the load (i.e., wrapped).

When using our Materials Recovery Facility, if a mixed load is contaminated with WUDS, or if the load is WUDS only, the following rate will prevail:

-Segregated POPs (Load Charge) = £285.00 per tonne, minimum ½ tonne

These prices will come into effect from **Monday 23rd January 2023**

For our skip hire customers, our terms and conditions of sale and relevant surcharges will be applied where POPs waste does not contaminate other waste if mixed together i.e., appropriate care is taken to ensure the seating is not damaged prior to or when loaded. Where this is not possible, our man and van collection service is a stress-free solution, collecting your waste upholstered domestic seating from outside your property. Please do get in touch if you require a collection of your waste upholstered domestic seating.

We fully appreciate that this is an unwelcome change in the current economic climate, but the guidance will have a significant impact on the industry nationwide and we must respond to the legislation accordingly.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me by email sales@jodgroup.co.uk. We remain committed to providing an excellent service to you and thank-you for your continued understanding and support.

Yours Faithfully,