

# DISPOSAL OF CLP-LABELLED MATERIALS AND EMPTY CONTAINERS



Once any adhesive, primer or coating has been used it is essential to ensure the correct disposal of any of these materials which are labelled with CLP labels. CLP labels are easily recognisable due to the presence of hazard pictograms, hazard and precautionary statements, and signal words they display. Disposal should align with the Technical Guidance (WM3) provided by the environmental agency. Any product with CLP labelling falls into this category, be it an adhesive or a household cleaning product.

To classify empty containers for disposal, the **“Industry Assessment and Classification of Packaging Waste (WP1) Technical Guidance”** supports WM3 and specifically focuses on the classification of waste containers commonly found in the market. This guide assists companies in determining whether the packaging should be considered hazardous or non-hazardous, and providing them with the necessary evidence to support their findings.

To perform this assessment, information from the material safety data sheet (MSDS) plays a crucial role. It contains all the required information to facilitate the process and enables easy identification of hazardous components within the product's composition. The end user is responsible for documenting all the relevant details regarding the concentrations of hazardous materials and keeping these records for a minimum of two years. Information regarding the net weights of any packaging taken by our clients can be provided to aid the end user in their assessments.

By undergoing this classification process and demonstrating that the material qualifies as non-hazardous packaging, the information can be shared with waste companies to assure them that the material can be disposed of as non-hazardous. It is the legal obligation of the end user to ensure that waste is appropriately classified and supported by evidence, as the environmental agency may request proof of compliance. If the process and calculations are not carried out or there is any uncertainty, the packaging should be classified as containing residues of or contaminated by hazardous

