

District Pest Control Ltd

Waste Management Strategy for Self-Employed Subcontractors

1. Policy Statement

District Pest Control Ltd is committed to ensuring that all pest control operations are conducted in a manner that protects human health, the environment and complies with all applicable waste management legislation in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

All self-employed subcontractors engaged by District Pest Control Ltd are responsible for managing waste arising from their work activities in accordance with legal requirements, product label instructions and recognised industry best practice.

This strategy is based upon the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), waste minimisation, pollution prevention and environmental protection.

2. Scope

This strategy applies to all self-employed subcontractors undertaking pest management activities on behalf of District Pest Control Ltd including:

- Rodent control
- Insect control
- Proofing works
- Monitoring activities
- Fumigation and fogging activities
- Storage, transport and disposal of pest control products and associated waste

3. Legal Responsibilities

Subcontractors are deemed to be the end user of any pesticide, rodenticide, insecticide, aerosol or pest control product used during the course of their work.

Each subcontractor is responsible for ensuring compliance with:

- Product label instructions
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
- Control of Pesticides Regulations (COPR)
- COSHH requirements

- Environmental Protection legislation
- Waste management legislation applicable to the jurisdiction in which work is undertaken
- Any requirements imposed by local authorities or environmental regulators

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in removal from the District Pest Control Ltd subcontractor network.

4. Waste Hierarchy

Subcontractors shall apply the following hierarchy when managing waste:

1. Prevention

Avoid creating waste wherever reasonably practicable.

2. Reduction

Use only the quantity of product required to complete the treatment.

3. Reuse

Reuse products where legally permitted by the product label.

4. Recycling

Recycle uncontaminated packaging and materials where appropriate.

5. Disposal

Dispose of waste only through authorised waste management routes.

Disposal shall always be the final option.

5. Pesticides and Rodenticides

Rodenticides

Rodenticides should be applied carefully to minimise waste generation.

Subcontractors must:

- Use only the quantity required.
- Recover unused bait where appropriate.
- Reuse serviceable bait where permitted.
- Collect and remove spent bait when required.
- Prevent contamination of soil, watercourses and non-target species.

Spent rodenticide waste shall be stored in clearly labelled containers pending disposal by an authorised waste contractor.

Insecticides

Subcontractors must:

- Mix only the quantity required for the treatment.
- Avoid surplus spray solutions.
- Follow all disposal instructions provided on the product label.
- Prevent contamination of drains, watercourses and the wider environment.

6. Empty Pesticide Containers

All pesticide containers must be completely emptied before disposal.

For liquid pesticide containers:

1. Empty contents fully into the application equipment.
2. Triple rinse the container immediately.
3. Add rinse water directly into the sprayer tank.
4. Apply rinse water as part of the treatment.
5. Allow the container to dry completely.
6. Puncture or otherwise render the container unusable.
7. Dispose of through an appropriate waste stream in accordance with local authority guidance.

Containers must never be reused for any purpose.

7. Aerosol Cans

Aerosol cans should be fully discharged before disposal wherever possible.

- Empty cans shall be disposed of in accordance with local authority requirements.
- Partially full, damaged or leaking cans shall be treated as hazardous waste.
- Aerosol cans must never be punctured, crushed or burned.

8. Contaminated PPE and Absorbents

PPE contaminated with pesticides or rodenticides shall be treated as hazardous waste where required.

This includes:

- Disposable gloves
- Coveralls
- Spill absorbents

- Cleaning materials

Contaminated materials must be segregated and disposed of through authorised waste routes.

9. Rodent Carcasses

Rodent carcasses should be collected wherever reasonably practicable.

Subcontractors shall:

- Wear suitable PPE when handling carcasses.
- Prevent secondary poisoning risks.
- Dispose of carcasses in accordance with local authority guidance and site-specific requirements.

Large quantities arising from commercial contracts should be disposed of through approved commercial waste routes.

10. Waste Storage

Where waste is stored temporarily, subcontractors must ensure:

- Waste is stored securely.
- Hazardous and non-hazardous wastes are kept separate.
- Containers are clearly labelled.
- Storage areas are inspected regularly.
- Waste is protected from weather and accidental damage.
- Appropriate spill containment measures are available.

Any liquid hazardous waste shall be stored in a manner that prevents leakage and environmental contamination.

11. Vehicle Storage and Transport

Waste carried within vehicles must:

- Be transported in secure containers.
- Be protected against leakage and spillage.
- Be segregated from food, drink and personal items.
- Be protected from unauthorised access.
- Be inspected regularly for damage or leakage.

Subcontractors are responsible for ensuring compliance with transport requirements applicable to the waste being carried.

12. Spill Management

Every subcontractor vehicle shall carry a suitable spill response kit containing:

- Absorbent materials
- Waste bags
- Disposable gloves
- Eye wash
- Emergency contact details

Any spill involving pesticides, rodenticides, fuels or chemicals must be:

1. Stopped if safe to do so.
2. Contained immediately.
3. Prevented from entering drains or watercourses.
4. Cleaned using suitable absorbent materials.
5. Reported to District Pest Control Ltd where significant contamination has occurred.

13. Waste Documentation

Where waste is transferred to a licensed waste contractor, appropriate documentation must be obtained and retained.

Examples include:

Hazardous Waste

- Hazardous Waste Consignment Notes

Non-Hazardous Commercial Waste

- Waste Transfer Notes

Records should be retained for the period required by applicable legislation.

14. Approved Waste Contractors

Hazardous waste shall be disposed of using licensed waste contractors authorised to accept pesticide-related waste.

Examples include:

Republic of Ireland

- ENVA Environmental Services

Northern Ireland

- McQuillan Environmental

Other suitably licensed waste contractors may also be used.

15. Domestic Waste Prohibition

Under no circumstances shall the following be disposed of through domestic refuse collections:

- Pesticide concentrates
- Spent rodenticides
- Contaminated packaging
- Contaminated PPE
- Partially full aerosol cans
- Hazardous chemical waste

Subcontractors should consult their local authority or recycling centre regarding acceptable disposal routes for empty and non-contaminated materials.

16. Training and Competence

Subcontractors must:

- Hold appropriate pest management qualifications.
- Maintain professional competence through Continuing Professional Development (CPD).
- Be familiar with product labels, COSHH assessments and Safety Data Sheets.
- Understand waste management and spill response procedures.

17. Subcontractor Declaration

I acknowledge that as a self-employed subcontractor undertaking work on behalf of District Pest Control Ltd, I am responsible for the lawful management, storage, transport and disposal of any waste generated through my work activities