

Waste management licence WML

If you deposit, keep, treat or dispose of waste in Northern Ireland, you may need a waste management licence (WML)

- any maps or plans
- site references
- planning permissions
- relevant previous convictions
- financial provision
- descriptions of how your site is used

You (or someone else in management of your business) must also prove that they are technically competent, by holding the relevant certificate from the Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (WAMITAB). If you are awaiting a relevant WAMITAB certificate, NIEA may still approve your application. However, you must produce the certificate within two years of your application.

NIEA may require you to carry out certain works to your site or land spreading area before issuing your licence.

NIEA won't grant a licence if you don't have planning permission or water discharge consent when it is needed. You should get these before you consider applying.

Your licence may have specific conditions attached to it, depending on your type of waste management.

If you dispose of waste, your licence will have limits or guidance for the following:

types and quantities of waste

technical requirements

security precautions you must take

the waste treatment site

treatment methods for waste

You will be subject to periodic inspections by NIEA. You will also be required to keep records of quantity, nature, origin, destination and frequency of collection, mode of transport and treatment method of any waste which is disposed of or recovered at your site.