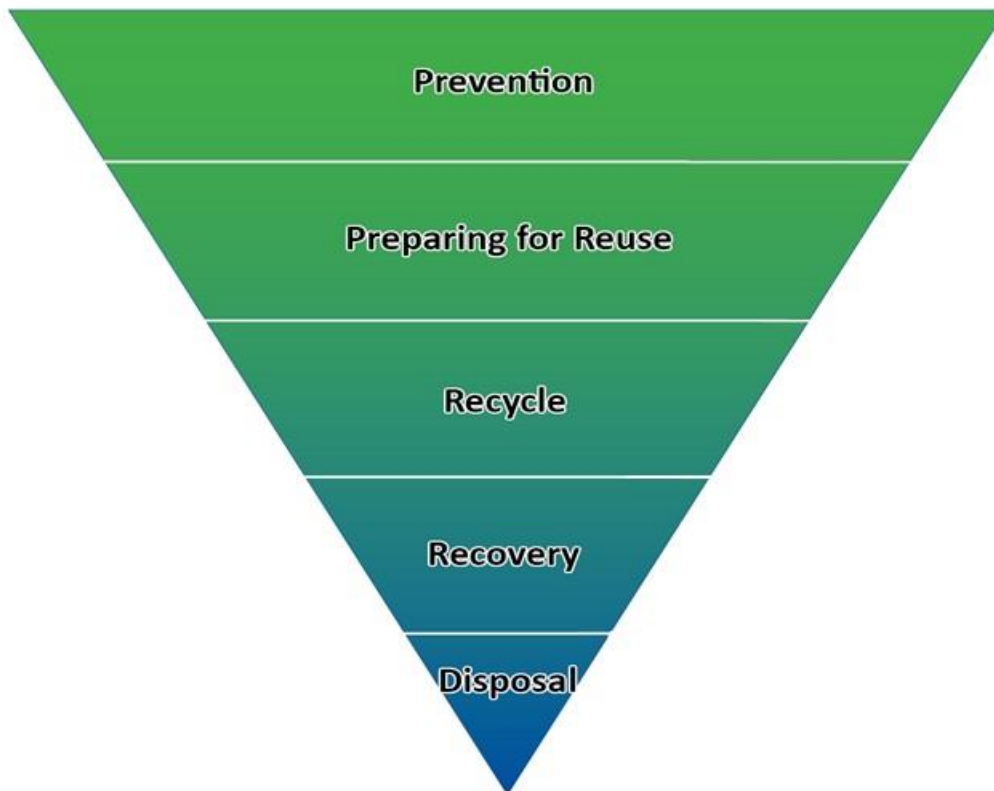


An Overview of the Waste Hierarchy

Introduction

The waste hierarchy was introduced as part of The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 which came into force on 29 March 2011. It sets out a hierarchy of options for managing waste in terms of what is best for the environment. The different options (in order of preference) are illustrated below:



Who is Affected?

Any organisations who import, produce, collect, transport, recover, dispose of or operate as dealers and brokers will be affected.

What do you Need to do?

Organisations must take into account the waste hierarchy when choosing a waste management option for their waste. The most environmentally friendly waste management option should be followed unless it is not technically or financially viable, or where it is not desirable to do so on environmental grounds (e.g. moving wastes over large distances would harm the environment more than pursuing another option).

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All waste transfer notes and consignment notes now have a declaration on them to say the waste hierarchy has been applied.

If an organisation has an environmental permit then the conditions of the permit will require them to take the hierarchy into account when dealing with waste and they should also be able to demonstrate how they have done this.

Useful Links

Detailed guidance on the waste hierarchy can be found [here](#)

Contact us

If you have any questions about how best to apply the waste hierarchy please call us on **03450 682 572** or email us at info@valpak.co.uk

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