

Waste and your duty of care

If your business produces catering waste, it is your responsibility to ensure that it is disposed of correctly. It must not contaminate the environment or be fed to farmed animals.

Help us prevent damaging disease outbreaks

We understand that feeding catering waste to farmed animals may seem a cheap and effective way to dispose of it. It is vital, however, that we take every possible step to prevent outbreaks of disease amongst farmed animals – for the public, for the farmed animals owners and for the catering industry. By disposing of catering waste legally and safely, you help us to protect farmed animals.

For further information about the disposal of catering waste and how it affects you, please contact the following sources:

- <http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/animal-health/animal-by-products/animal-by-products-guidance-documents.htm>
- The DARD helpline - tel 028 9052 4999 or email us at dardhelpline@dardni.gov.uk
- Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA)
- Your Local DARD Direct Office/DVO
- Product Authentication International (PAI), for information on the collection and use of Used Cooking Oils Tel 01423 878878 or www.thepaigroup.com

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Do not feed your farmed animals food waste

Feeding catering waste to farmed animals is

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Catering waste **MUST NOT** be fed to farmed animals

It has been illegal to feed catering waste to farmed animals in NI since 2001, and this ban was adopted by the whole European Community in 2003. **If you are convicted of feeding catering waste to farmed animals you can be fined or sentenced to a maximum of two years in prison.**

'Farmed animals' includes any animals that belong to a farmed species, including pet pigs, goats and poultry.

The law is there to help prevent outbreaks of foot and mouth disease and other animal diseases such as swine fever as catering waste can be a major source of these diseases.

You cannot feed *any* kind of catering waste to farmed animals.

Catering waste is defined as all waste food, whether raw or cooked, including **used cooking oils (UCO)**, which arise in premises such as:

- Household kitchens
- Restaurants
- Fish and Chips/Pizza/Kebab shops
- Takeaway shops
- Canteens
- Cafes; or
- Vegetarian kitchens/restaurants

It also includes food waste from other premises (food factories, distribution warehouses etc.) that contain or has been in contact with animal by-products (such as raw eggs, meat, fish products) and this must not be fed to farmed animals.



Catering waste **MUST** be disposed of safely

There are specific places that catering waste must go to for disposal, such as:

- Licensed landfill sites
- Composting plants
- Biogas plants
- Incineration plants
- Rendering plants

What is 'duty of care'?

The duty of care is a requirement that says that you must take all reasonable steps to keep waste safe. If you give your waste to someone else, you must be sure they are authorised to take it and can transport, recycle or dispose of it safely and in line with the regulations. You can check that individuals are registered waste carriers by visiting:

http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/waste-home/public_reg/reg-waste-carrier-transporter.htm and search on the Registers Carriers Database

The duty of care also requires that you fill out some paper work called a transfer note that must include details of the waste, who you are and who you are giving it to. More details on the duty of care can be found by visiting:

<http://www.ni-environment.gov.uk/waste-home/authorisation/dutyofcare.htm>