

The Site Waste Management Plans Regulations (2008) came into force in June 2008 and must now be applied to all construction sites within the UK.

Construction projects exceeding £300,000 in value require a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) to be prepared and submitted to the Local Planning Authority prior to work commencing in site. A SWMP is a regulatory tool designed to implement 'good practice' in the management and reduction of waste arising from construction sites.



SWMP Definitions

SWMP's are divided into two categories dependant on the value of the construction project. Construction projects <£300,000 require a 'simple' SWMP that incorporates a simpler specification for recording wastes generated and managed on a particular construction project. Projects exceeding £500,000 in value require a more detailed SWMP to be prepared as these are classed as 'large' sites likely to generate significant waste volumes.



The SWMP Process

A SWMP must be prepared by the 'Client' at the Pre design / Design stage of a construction project. The SWMP is an evolving document that requires regular updating. The SWMP passes to the 'Contractor' during the Procurement and Construction stage of the project until the final project completion at which time the completed SWMP is submitted to the Local Planning Authority.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

The following KPIs are recorded within a SWMP:

- *Waste generation, recycling and recovery rates*
- *Diversion of waste from landfill*
- *Cost of waste*
- *Use of recycled or reused materials within construction*

The SWMP should be prepared by a nominated 'waste champion' throughout the construction project from initial design to project completion. A Chartered Waste Manager (CIWM) is the ideal individual to fulfil this role as the SWMP process incorporates all aspect of wastes management on the construction site including obtaining and recording permits, exemptions and disposal records. Provision of advice on recycling, reuse and reduction in waste is a fundamental part of the overall process and the 'waste champion' must be able to provide all of these elements.

Normal Fee Range: £1500 - £2500 to prepare the SWMP

The fee ranges shown above are indicative and based on 'normal' situations. Fees may vary depending on the size of a particular construction project and the complexity of the task.

