

GRADE

Typical Wood Types

Typical Non-wood Content Prior to Processing

Grade A

Pre-Consumer
Waste Wood and
untreated
wooden
packaging =
Clean un-treated

Solid softwood and hardwood. Packaging waste, scrap pallets, packing cases and cable drums. Process off-cuts from the manufacture of virgin/sawn timber and untreated board products.

Nails and metal fixings. Minor amounts of non-hazardous surface coatings, such as water-soluble paint.

Grade B

Business waste wood = Treated Non-hazardous May contain Grade A material as above plus building and demolition materials and domestic furniture made from solid wood.

Nails and metal fixings. Some paints, plastics, glass, grit, non-hazardous coatings, binders and glues. Limits on treated or coated materials as defined by end users and IED.

Grade C

Municipal waste wood = Treated Non-hazardous All of the above plus flat pack furniture made from board products and DIY materials.

HWRC generated waste wood

Nails and metal fixings. Paints, coatings and glues, paper, plastics and rubber, glass, grit. Coated and treated timber (non CCA or creosote).

Grade D

Hazardous waste wood = Treated hazardous Agricultural fencing, telegraph poles, railway sleepers.

1 Potentially hazardous waste wood items are: barge boards; external fascias; soffit boards; external joinery (wooden windows and conservatories); external doors; roof timbers; tiling and cladding battens; timber frames and joists from pre-2007 buildings

Copper chrome arsenic (CCA) preservation treatments and creosote
Any of the items listed in the WRA Waste
Wood Assessment as 'Potentially Hazardous'
(*1) must be segregated and tested to prove that they are non-hazardous. Otherwise they must be categorised as Grade D – Hazardous requiring disposal at facilities licensed to accept hazardous waste.

TYPICAL UNACCEPTABLE

MATERIALS

DO NOT ACCEPT - PAPER,
PLASTIC, CARDBOARD, FELT,
GLASS, BLACK BAGS, FOAM,
FABRIC, PLASTIC COATED WIRE,
GRADE D HAZARDOUS WOOD
WASTE INCLUDING ANY
CREOSOTE AND CCA TREATED
RAILWAY SLEEPERS, TELEGRAPH
POLES (AND OTHER ITEMS
OBVIOUSLY TREATED WITH
CREOSOTE), HARDCORE,
FORMICA, GREENWASTE, SOIL,
BURNT OR CHARRED MATERIAL
OR BRICKS.

Excessive contamination of loads with unacceptable materials will result in the loads being rejected or excess charges being applied.

All wood processors will have acceptance criteria based on their permits so please check for specific requirements from your processor as this is just a guide.