

Waste Wood Classification – Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: What does the removal of RPS291 mean for me?

A: It means that most demolition waste wood can move as non-hazardous as long as it is destined for panel board manufacture or Chapter IV compliant biomass. See updated Waste Wood Assessment Guide for full details.

Q2: What do you need to do with waste wood?

A: You should speak to your wood processor and ask for a new Acceptable Materials Schedule if you have industrial waste wood, i.e. cooling tower timbers, woodblock flooring or moulds, waste wood from boats, carriages and trailer beds, these should be classified as hazardous unless you have had them tested using the WRA02 testing suite and proved otherwise. (If testing to WRA02 please ask your laboratory to upload the results to the WRA folder on HazWaste online).

Q3: What is WRA02 testing?

A: The WRA02 testing suite should be used instead of full WM3 testing on any items of waste wood that are still tested at the request of the client and this testing suite should also be used to carry out testing on potentially hazardous industrial waste wood items. See details below. (NB: Using this suite instead of asking for full WM3 testing will save you money. (If testing to WRA02 please ask your laboratory to upload the results to the WRA folder on HazWaste online).

<u>WRA02 Testing Suite – August 2023</u>		WRA 02 C&D
Arsenic	As	X
Barium	Bs	X
Cadmium	Cd	X
Chromium	Cr	X
Copper	Cu	X
Lead	Pb	X
Mercury	Hg	X
Nickel	Ni	X
Selenium	Se	X
Zinc	Zn	X
PAH – Speciated (EPA 16)		X
Antimony	Sb	X
Dieldrin		X
Lindane		X
Permethrin		X
Pentachlorophenol (PCP)		X
Moisture Content		X
Tin	Sn	X
Where Tin >25mg/kg		
Tributyltin		X
Sample Prep		
Acid Peroxide Extraction		X
No smaller than 150mm long		X

Q4: Who can do WRA02 testing for us?

A: Any UKAS accredited laboratory can do the testing for you as long as they test to the WRA02 testing suite and understand the correct species to test for. We have five WRA member laboratories who can do the testing for you. (See list below) and on our website at [WRA Members – Wood Recyclers’ Association](#). (If testing to WRA02 please ask your laboratory to upload the results to the WRA folder on HazWaste online).

WRA Member Laboratories

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Always send your samples with:

1. A Chain of Custody form for each batch of samples from the lab
2. Other Laboratories can be used but always use WRA02 approved testing suite to allow the right data to be captured and ask your laboratory to upload the results to the WRA folder on HazWaste online as this data is still important to collect. Thank you.