

# Information for Transporters

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## Waste management framework and transporter requirements

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) considers a waste transporter someone who transports waste from one place to another.

Victoria's waste framework reduces the risks of harm from pollution and waste. It helps you lawfully transport your waste:



## What is reportable priority waste (RPW)?

RPW poses a greater level of risk to human health and the environment than other industrial wastes. Examples of RPW are:

- Certain paints and resins (waste codes: F100, F130)

- Strong acids (B100), and
- Clinical and biomedical wastes (R100).

You can find the waste code and description of each RPW in Schedule 5 of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021. The regulations are available at [epa.vic.gov.au/legislation.vic.gov.au/as-made/statutory-rules/environment-protection-regulations-2021](http://epa.vic.gov.au/legislation.vic.gov.au/as-made/statutory-rules/environment-protection-regulations-2021)

Anyone involved in the management, transport or handling of waste has legal responsibilities under the *Environment Protection Act 2017* and the General Environmental Duty (GED). If you're a waste transporter, you must:

- Have appropriate EPA permission to transport RPW
- Follow the conditions and requirements of your permission
- Use EPA Waste Tracker every time you transport RPW
- Safely transport and deposit the waste at a place or premise authorised to receive it.

If you don't comply with the waste duties or the GED you could be liable for:

- Fines of more than \$80,000 for individuals and \$410,000 for companies
- Imprisonment in severe cases.

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## What can I do to ensure I am authorised to transport RPW?

Transporting RPW without appropriate permission is an offence. The permission you need will depend on the type of waste and how you intend to transport it.

Permission I need	When do I need this permission?
<b>A10a permit (for vehicle)</b>	To transport any of the following waste codes: B100 (acids), E100 (oxidising agents), G100 (ethers and hydrocarbons) and R100 (clinical and biomedical waste)
<b>A10b registration (for vehicle)</b>	To transport other reportable priority waste except B100, E100, G100 and R100
<b>A11 permit (for the activity)</b>	To transport waste from other states into Victoria
<b>A12 permit (for the activity)</b>	To transport waste out of Victoria

Your permission may come with conditions. You should put in place reasonably practicable measures to ensure you transport waste in accordance with the conditions of your permission. To find out more about applying for a permit or registration, visit [epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/permissions/permits](http://epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/permissions/permits)

## What is EPA's Waste Tracker system and how do I use it?

If you transport RPW you must record the transaction details of the waste you pick up. EPA has an online system and app called Waste Tracker. You need to include details such as when you collect and drop off waste. In Waste Tracker you can:

- Assign a waste pick up to a driver
- Pick up a waste record assigned to you
- Reject a waste pick up assigned to you
- Email a record
- View details of waste transport.

Key steps of waste tracking:



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## Some useful guidance for transporters on waste tracking

- As a transporter, you can create records on behalf of a producer if you have an agreement in place. You can do this by using the information about the waste the producer has provided to you
- You must record the details of the driver you have assigned to transport the waste. You can change a driver once assigned
- You can choose a different receiver than the one chosen by the producer
- You will need to ensure the receiver is also authorised to receive that waste. Any changes to the receival site are recorded in Waste Tracker.
- Ensure your drivers have training on how to use Waste Tracker and have attended an EPA approved driver training course.

## Some useful guidance for drivers on waste tracking

- As a driver, you must have a portal account to connect with transporters you work for
- You must have a mobile device with internet connection to use the Waste Tracker app

- You should always record information even when there is no internet connection. The app can still store information when offline. When the connection is restored, the information will upload
- Multiple drivers can share the same device but need to log into Waste Tracker using individual login details
- You must record both pick up and drop off in Waste Tracker. You must also understand what the waste you are picking up is, where it's going and ensure it gets to an authorised place.

### Further information

Learn more about the GED



[epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/laws/laws-and-your-business/general-environmental-duty-for-businesses](https://epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/laws/laws-and-your-business/general-environmental-duty-for-businesses)

Learn more about Waste Tracker for



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What to do if Waste Tracker isn't working



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For more information or help with Waste Tracker, contact EPA on 1300 372 842 or visit [epa.vic.gov.au](https://epa.vic.gov.au)

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