

Digital Waste Tracking

Is your waste site ready for 1 October 2026?

A major change to waste reporting is coming.

From **1 October 2026**, organisations operating licensed or permitted waste receiving sites in **England** and **Wales** will be required to digitally report the waste they receive.

WHAT IS DIGITAL WASTE TRACKING?

Digital Waste Tracking (DWT) is a new central digital service designed to improve how waste movements are recorded and tracked across the UK. Its aim is to improve waste data, increase transparency and help tackle waste crime.

Instead of information being held across separate documents and systems, operators will need to digitally report key details about the waste received at their sites, including:

- **WHAT** waste was received
- **WHERE** it came from
- **WHO** transported it
- **WHERE** it was received
- **HOW MUCH** waste was received

Leaving these checks until October could create unnecessary compliance risks.

GET DWT-READY ➔



01480 462 232



info@wiserenvironment.co.uk

AS WASTE OPERATORS, WHY DO YOU NEED TO ACT NOW?

Once DWT becomes mandatory, in-scope operators will be expected to meet the new digital reporting requirements. Getting ready may involve more than simply creating an account. Your business may need time to:

- ✓ Confirm whether your sites and activities are in scope
- ✓ Speak to your waste management software provider
- ✓ Check whether your software is DWT-compatible
- ✓ Identify missing or poor-quality waste data
- ✓ Review weighbridge and waste acceptance procedures
- ✓ Decide who is responsible for submissions
- ✓ Test your reporting process
- ✓ Train relevant members of staff

Digital Waste Tracking

Key Dates Every Waste Operator Should Know

30th November 2025

Phase 1 - Receipt of Waste

Private beta opened for user testing for receiving site operators and software vendors.

28th April 2026

Phase 1 - Receipt of Waste

Public beta voluntarily opens for all permitted receiving site operators. Legislation is laid in advance of mandatory use.

October 2026

Phase 1 - Receipt of Waste

Becomes mandatory for receiving site operators in England & Wales.

Autumn 2026

Phase 2 - Collection of Waste

Private beta opens for user testing with carriers, brokers, dealers (Controllers & Transporters in new regime).

January 2027

Phase 1 - Receipt of Waste

Becomes mandatory for all receiving sites (including Scotland and Northern Ireland).

April 2027

Phase 2 - Collection of Waste

Public beta voluntary launch for carriers, brokers, dealers (Controllers and Transporters in new regime).

October 2027

Phase 2 - Collection of Waste

Mandatory for all carriers, brokers, dealers (Controllers & Transporters in new regime).