



Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment Directive (WEEE)

In November 2004 the EU Directive brought new regulations into force in the UK.

Under these regulations, manufacturers or their agents are required to finance the collection, treatment, recovery and environmental friendly disposal of electrical appliances. In our case this refers to the water cooler/s we rent to our customers or service on their premises.

This came in addition to our responsibility to recycle other products, such as large plastic water bottles, as well as packaging waste, however, the financial impact of this was not on the same scale as the regulations brought into force in 2004.

The (BWCA) - British Water Cooler Association mandates its members in its code of practice, Section 14.3 as follows:

"Members shall show as a separate item on their invoice to their customers an your invoice as "Environmental Charge related to the cost of collecting, warehousing, transporting and having recycled, by licensed operators, Watercoolers, Bottles, Bottle Caps and Cups, as applicable to their business."

As a result of these laws and regulations, we now levy a small surcharge which will appear as 'Recycling Surcharge' on your invoice. To comply with the BWCA requirement the surcharge will be at the rate of £0.79 per water cooler, per month. This may vary in future years subject to the charges made by the appointed Licensed Recyclers.

We are sure you will appreciate that this charge is a levy imposed on the industry by government for a very beneficial purpose and that whilst no levy is welcome, at least this one is for a genuinely good reason.

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