



## **WEEE Regulations:**

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive is now UK law. The legislation aims to make producers pay for the collection, treatment and recovery of waste electrical equipment.

The regulations also mean that suppliers of equipment like high street shops and internet retailers must allow consumers to return their waste equipment free of charge.

The amount of WEEE we throw away is increasing by around 5% each year, making it the fastest growing waste stream in the UK. Much of the UK's WEEE ends up in landfill, where the lead and other toxins it contains can cause soil and water contamination. This can have a harmful effect on natural habitat, wildlife and also human health.

Many electrical items that we throw away can be repaired or recycled. Recycling items helps to save our natural resources and also reduces the environmental and health risks associated with sending electrical goods to landfill.

Under the WEEE Regulations, all new electrical goods should now be marked with the crossed-out wheeled bin symbol shown below to show that they were produced after 13th August 2005, and should be disposed of separately from normal household waste so that they can be recycled.



Voltek Automation Ltd is obliged under these regulations to offer our customers free take-back of their WEEE on a like-for-like basis when they buy a new Electrical or Electronic product from us.

Customers must return their like-for-like WEEE item(s), at their own cost, to our trading address within 28 days of purchasing their new item. If you cannot return the items to us then take them to your nearest disposal site to ensure safe storage and recycling. Details of disposal sites including those that are Council controlled can be found at [www.recycle-more.co.uk](http://www.recycle-more.co.uk)

Your co-operation is vital to ensure the success of these schemes and for the protection of the environment.