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Green Achiever General Update - May 2015

Mandatory Carrier Bag Levy for England

Retailers giving out single use carrier bags will be expected to charge 5p a bag starting on the 5th of October 2015.

Carrier bags are a major source of waste in the UK and can cause injury to marine wildlife. Not only are they a persistent waste, they take up a lot of resources in their production. The Environment Agency stated that "in 2013, supermarkets gave out over 8 billion single-use carrier bags across the UK" which created "about 57,000 tonnes of waste over the year".



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The regulations, already operating in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland, aim to encourage shoppers to use reusable carrier bags whilst simultaneously reducing waste to landfill.

More information can be found on the [Environment Agency website \(Appendix 10\)](#).

Published: Draft Technical Guidance WM3

Draft technical guidance WM3 has been published to provide more accurate guidance on waste classification and assessment.

The guidance outlines how to identify the correct classification code for waste and how to assess if waste has hazardous elements. This is intended for anyone involved in the production, management or regulation of waste.



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More information can be found on the [Environment Agency Website](#).

Overwhelming Demand for Tesla's Energy Storage Units



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limited grid access.

Tesla's recently released energy storage units have experienced high sales in their first few weeks of availability. The company has received 38,000 orders for the Powerwall, meaning that it is no longer available until mid 2016.

Demand was expected to mainly come from commercial sources but many orders have been placed by consumers keen for a more sustainable energy source.

The benefits of an ESU include the ability to harness the use of locally generated solar power, the ability to go off grid as well as providing a solution to regions with no or

To find out more about the impact of this new technology, visit [The Energy Collective](#) website.