

Windows

Many windows are considered hazardous waste. Windows that contain environmentally harmful substances above a limit value set for hazardous waste should be sorted and delivered as hazardous waste to a waste reception.

Substances harmful to the environment

- PCB (Norwegian windows 1965-1975, foreign windows up to and including 1979).
- Chlorinated paraffins (Norwegian windows 1976-1990, foreign windows 1980-1990).

Tips

The production year of the window is usually stamped on the blank metal seal in between the glasses.

Handling the waste

- The glass should not be broken or shattered.
- Purposely breaking the glass in the window before or during transportation is illegal, unless there exists a specific permission from the Norwegian Environmental Agency (Miljødirektoratet).
- Everything needs to be put on a pallet.
- Should be delivered as hazardous waste.

Other environmentally harmful substances

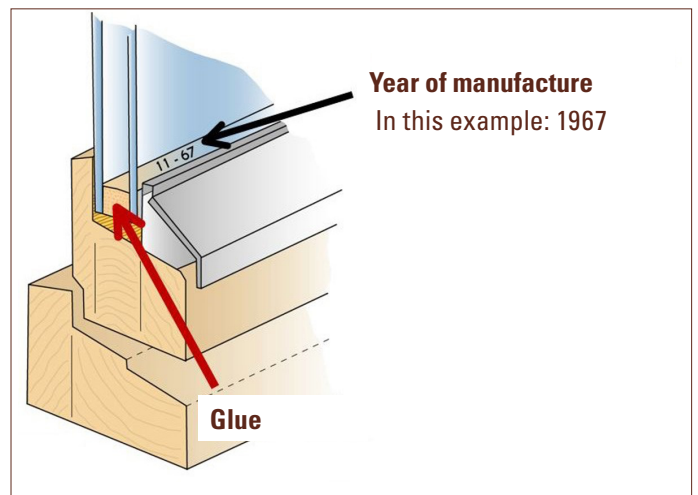
- Asbestos in old windows putty. Particularly common in windows with an insulating glass pane marked with "Thermopane".
- HCFC gas in the insulation material polyurethane, found in the fixed panel in patio doors and wall panels.
- PCB and chlorinated paraffins in sealant between window and wall.

Classification and labeling of the waste

Classification of the waste	Waste code	Suggested EAL-code
PCB	7211	*17 09 02
Chlorinated paraffins	7158	*17 09 03

No danger labeling

There could be sealant between the window and the wall. This kind of sealant often contains substances that are harmful to the environment, such as PCB or chlorinated paraffins, and must therefore be delivered as hazardous waste.



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