



HELLENIC WASTE
RECYCLING



SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR SORTING & LOADING CONTAINERS



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About Us

With more than **20 years** of continuous and dynamic presence in the field of non-hazardous solid waste management, **Hellenic Waste Recycling is among the most established companies in the sector in Greece.**

The company operates a network of over **600 collection points** and **collaborates** with more than **300 businesses nationwide**, strengthening its position as a reliable partner in recycling and the circular economy.



Our Values

At Hellenic Waste Recycling, our values guide every aspect of our operation. They reflect our philosophy and the way we approach every partnership, project, and environmental challenge.



Reliability & Transparency

We operate with consistency, respect, and transparency toward our partners and clients, ensuring trust and long-term collaborations.



Environmental Responsibility

We are committed to reducing our environmental footprint and promoting the circular economy through responsible waste management practices.



Collaboration

We believe in the power of partnerships with businesses, organizations, and local communities to achieve shared, sustainable solutions.



Quality & Innovation

We continuously invest in advanced technologies and processes that ensure high-quality services and continuous improvement.

“By investing in recycling, we secure a sustainable future”

Our goal is the continuous enhancement of our services, driven by sustainability, so that we can respond to modern waste management challenges and create real value for society and the environment.



Safety Guidelines for Sorting & Loading Containers

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

During the sorting and loading of containers, the use of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is mandatory.



General Safety Rules

1



Due to the nature of the waste (flammable materials), **smoking is strictly prohibited** during sorting or disposal into containers.

2



Do not remove objects from bags, carts, bins, or any temporary storage means. If an item accidentally falls into a container, inform the responsible personnel and **do not attempt retrieval yourself**.

3



Do not use mobile phones, wired or Bluetooth headphones, or any devices that may distract attention or fall into the container. Maintain continuous auditory awareness of your surroundings.

4



Avoid wearing jewelry (chains, rings, bracelets, etc.) during sorting and machine handling.

5



Do not climb on containers or presses for any reason.

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Entering machinery (press containers), compartments, or drawers is **strictly prohibited**, even if the switch is in the **“OFF” position**. There is a serious risk of entrapment or crushing. **Entry into the feeding chute (compression area) is strictly forbidden.**

Equipment Safety & Operation

Waste collection containers (open top containers, press containers) **are equipped with all required safety systems** for proper and safe use.

Any malfunction must be reported immediately to the supervisor and to Hellenic Waste Recycling.

During loading or **unloading** of containers onto vehicles, no personnel, vehicles, or third parties are allowed near the equipment.

Containers must **only be transported** by Hellenic Waste Recycling vehicles.

Containers **must be placed on** appropriate ground, with good road surface, sufficient width, and proper slope to ensure safe access and loading/unloading.



Open Top Container 10m³ (V)

Suitable for:
 Technical works, construction sites, industrial use, building works, renovations of residential and commercial spaces, partial or total demolition of small structures, clearance of old facilities, and site clean-ups.



During Sorting & Loading Operations

- 1 Pay attention to potential **sharp fragments** (e.g. glass) that may cause injury.
- 2 Ensure that the waste is **non-hazardous** and belongs to the agreed waste categories (EWC codes).
- 3 Hazardous waste (e.g. paints, paint containers with residues, oils, batteries, etc.) must be handled **separately** using different collection procedures.
- 4 **Do not place hard or bulky materials** (metal, wood, tiles, glass), rubble, soil, or other inert materials into press containers.
- 5 **Press containers** are suitable for paper, plastic, mixed packaging, and lightweight waste.
- 6 **Do not place rubble, soil, or inert materials** in open top containers 30-32m³.
- 7 The use of rods or other objects to push waste into the press hopper is **strictly prohibited**.
- 8 **Do not overload** the press hopper and do not compress waste manually.
- 9 **Do not hold large objects** while the press plate is in operation.
- 10 Check waste for excessive **moisture or liquid residues** that may cause slipping or reduce recyclables' quality.
- 11 When lifting loads **manually** or **mechanically**, follow safe handling procedures.
- 12 Ensure **the load does not exceed container height** and is placed securely to maintain stability, especially in open containers (e.g. open top containers 10 – 32m³).

Open Top Container 30-32m³

Suitable for:

Industries, commercial businesses, supermarkets, retail stores, hotels, tourist facilities, warehouses, logistics centers, municipalities, and public organizations.



Electrical Safety & Maintenance (applies to press containers)

In the event of a **hydraulic oil leak**, the operation of the press must be stopped immediately and HELLENIC WASTE RECYCLING must be informed.

The **customer's electrical installation** that supplies the press container must be equipped with a leakage relay for safety reasons.

A daily visual inspection of the equipment must be carried out by the customer, to ensure that cables and plugs do not come into contact with water, are not exposed to rain or moisture, thus preventing the risk of electric shock.

Problem Reporting

Partners are required, as soon as they identify any issue, to immediately inform HELLENIC WASTE RECYCLING and not attempt any intervention on the equipment.

Contact us here:



Press Container 10m³

Do not place hard or bulky items (iron, wood, tiles, soil), as well as glass, rubble, or other glass-based materials.

Press Container 20-23m³

The use of metal rods or any other objects to unblock waste inside the press chamber is **strictly prohibited**.



Our Commitment to the Future

This Safety Guide provides essential instructions for the **proper sorting and loading of containers, ensuring responsible and safe waste management**. Compliance with these guidelines reduces risks, prevents accidents, and ensures an organised process for everyone involved.

Hellenic Waste Recycling promotes responsible behaviour, correct equipment use, and immediate reporting of any malfunction. With proper training, PPE usage, and adherence to these guidelines, every task is carried out with safety, consistency, and respect for people and the environment.



“Together, we create a positive impact with the right solutions and your involvement.”

We actively support recycling, care for the environment, and improve quality of life.

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