

DISPOSAL OF WASTE ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (WEEE)

This symbol on electrical and electronic equipment indicates that, at the end of its life, it should not be treated as Household Waste.

The following types of household electrical and electronic equipment are covered by the WEEE Regulations. They are products that need electricity for their main function. So for example, a gas cooker with a small electrical clock would not be WEEE, because the main function (cooking) is not electrical.



- Large household appliances, e.g. washing machines, freezers.
- Small household appliances, e.g. vacuum cleaners, sewing machines.
- IT and telecommunications equipment, e.g. computers, keyboards and mobile phones.
- Consumer equipment, e.g. radios, TVs.
- Lighting equipment, (excluding filament light bulbs and household light fittings and lamps).
- Electrical and electronic tools e.g. electric drills, electric saws.
- Toys, leisure and sports equipment, e.g. electric train sets, video game consoles etc.

Each EU member state is required to reduce the amount of electric and electronic equipment sent to landfill each year. The UK currently throws away around 2 million tones of WEEE, which we should recycle if possible. If WEEE is not disposed of or recycled correctly, there could be potential harm to your health and the environment.

To ensure safe treatment and increase re-use and recycling of material we ask that you take any WEEE to your local household waste recycling / civic amenity site where it will be separated out for recycling. Details of your nearest site, and the facilities that they offer, can normally be found on your council / local authority website or by contacting them direct (their contact details will be on your latest council tax bill). We can also assist you in finding details of your nearest site if you send an email to us at info@topgourmet.co.uk, quoting your address and the details of the item you wish to dispose of.

Alternatively, if you are purchasing a new product of the same type from us, we can provide a collection and recycling service if advised within 28 days of purchase. Please note that this must be a like-for-like purchase (for example replacing your old toaster when you buy a new one), no matter where you bought the original product. You will be required to package the old item suitably for transport and a charge will be made for the transport cost, but not for any recycling cost. if you would like to take advantage of this service, please send an email to us at info@topgourmet.co.uk, quoting your address and the details of the item you wish to dispose of and we will confirm if the item can be collected under this scheme and, if so, the necessary procedure.

Where to find out more:

- Your council/local authority (their contact details will be on your latest council tax bill)
- The DTI website, www.dti.gov.uk
- www.environment-agency.gov.uk/weee
- Environment Agency helpline 08708 506 506