

# Waste Fire Risk Checklist 2026

A renewal-ready checklist for recycling centres, MRFs, transfer stations, skip yards, scrap recyclers and battery or WEEE operators preparing fire risk evidence for insurers.

## Storage

Show maximum stock, separation distances, stock rotation and quarantine areas.

## Ignition

Evidence battery, hot-work, arson, dust and machinery overheating controls.

## Recovery

Explain debris removal, environmental response and business interruption assumptions.

## Evidence to prepare

- Fire risk assessment
- Site plan and storage layout
- Battery quarantine procedure
- CCTV and thermal monitoring records
- Fire alarm and patrol logs

## Questions to answer

- What materials are stored?
- How long are they stored?
- How are batteries identified?
- Can waste be diverted after a fire?
- How long would plant replacement take?

## Insurance interpretation

Fire risk area	Insurer evidence
Combustible stock	Maximum volume, pile size, storage duration and separation distance.
Battery exposure	Recognition training, quarantine records and rejected-load process.
Business interruption	Alternative processing options and realistic recovery period.

## Source note

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