

## **National Trust Environmental Site Rules:**

### **What?**

The National Trust operates an environmental management system and requires any Contractors carrying out work on National Trust property to follow a set of rules.

### **Why?**

We need to manage, minimise and mitigate the environmental impacts of our activities. Reasons for doing this include:

- Our duty as a conservation charity to protect the environment and prevent pollution.
- Our visitors and members expectations that we operate in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Our requirement to comply with environmental legislation and other voluntary obligations.

### **How?**

Contractors must follow these basic rules to help us maintain our environmental performance:

- Contractor's to be made aware of our Environmental Policy commitments for improving our environmental performance. It includes:
  - Commitment to reduce energy consumption by 15% by 2020 and generate 50% of the remaining from renewable sources by 2020
  - Ensure that all water that leaves a National Trust boundary does so in better condition than when it arrives
  - Ensure compliant and sustainable waste management
  - All the timber we use in our operations is FSC certified and we do not use any peat in our gardens or plant sales
  - Commitment to phasing out single use plastics by 2020
- All persons carrying out activities are competent to do so and provide evidence.
- Inspect all plant before use to ensure it is fit for purpose and well maintained.
- Have appropriate storage and containment measures for any substances bought onto site.
- Use drip trays for any standing plant and refuel away from drains and water courses. E.g. for chippers, generators, film crew machinery etc.
- Clear up spillages as soon as practical, using appropriate spill response equipment.
- Report all environmental incidents to your National Trust contact.
- Refer any enquiries or complaints from the public to your National Trust contact.
- Contractors removing waste from site must provide your National Trust contact with carrier licenses and completed transfer notes.
- Do not put hazardous waste in with normal waste. Hazardous materials (e.g. used engine oil, oil filters, grease cartridges, chemicals, paints, solvents, fluorescent light bulbs, asbestos, surplus herbicides etc) must be disposed of using a licensed carrier with consignment notes as evidence.
- Contractors appointed for spraying must keep pesticide usage records and ensure any appropriate permissions are in place before commencing work.
- Do not make any discharges to ground, groundwater or any watercourses unless you have permission from the Environment Agency, Northern Ireland Environment Agency or Natural Resources Wales.
- Contractors must follow the conditions of any Environmental Permits or registered exemptions that may be in place.
- Do not burn waste on site.
- Avoid damage to plants and wildlife, check with your National Trust contact for the presence of any protected species e.g. bats, badgers, etc.
- Do not disturb nesting birds.
- There should be no scrub clearance or hedge cutting between the 1<sup>st</sup> of March and 1<sup>st</sup> September.