THE laws about managing waste have changed. For example, rubbish blowing around your site could now cost you a $400 on the spot fine. Here are some ways to help manage waste at your workplace:

- If you are storing chemicals for disposal, they must be stored in a covered, bunded area. For advice on how to build a proper bund, call your local council.
- Any chemicals you send away for disposal must be carried by a licensed waste contractor. Ask your waste contractor for their licence details. It is your responsibility to make sure they are licensed.
- Liquid wastes must never be disposed of in general rubbish.
- Increasing waste charges make it more and more important for you to reduce, reuse or recycle as much of your materials as possible.
- Keep your waste management and recycling area clean and tidy at all times.

• Make sure you place your rubbish in a bin and keep the lid on that bin closed at all times.