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Service Guide

Waste, Access, Pricing & Services

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Section 1 – Introduction to Grab Hire



Grab Wagon/Lorry with Hydraulic Arm and Skip

1.1 What is Grab Hire?

Grab hire is a **waste removal service** that uses a large lorry fitted with a hydraulic grab arm and clamshell bucket to collect and take away heavy materials like soil, rubble, or garden waste.

1.2 What does a Grab Wagon do?

Instead of you filling a skip, the grab arm does the work. It **picks up waste** directly from your driveway, garden, or kerbside pile and **loads it onto the lorry** – no manual labour or extra equipment needed.

1.3 When is Grab Hire the Right Choice

- ✓ You've got a **large amount of waste** (4+ tonnes) that's too much for bags or bins
- ✓ You don't want to lift or move heavy material yourself
- ✓ You have waste in a spot a grab lorry can reach (e.g. near a wall or fence)

1.4 What type of job is grab hire is good for:

Perfect for garden clear-outs, digging foundations, removing builder's rubble, or shifting soil and turf after landscaping. One grab can remove the same as two or three skips.

1.5 Our Manchester Grab Hire Services



Grab-Away Waste Removal

We collect and responsibly dispose of soil, hardcore, rubble, green waste, wood, mixed construction waste and more – all tailored to your site and material type.



Aggregate & Topsoil Delivery

We supply high-quality aggregates such as MOT Type 1, sharp/building sands, gravel and topsoil – ideal for driveways, landscaping and groundwork.



Plant Hire Services

Qualified operators and machines (mini diggers, dumpers, crushers) available to help with excavation, material transport, on-site crushing, and groundwork.



Comprehensive Project Solutions

Combine multiple services in one booking – from delivery to spoil removal – for a seamless, coordinated experience designed around your schedule.

Section 2 – Types of Wastes We Handle

Understanding what kind of waste you have is the **first step** to arranging the right grab hire service.

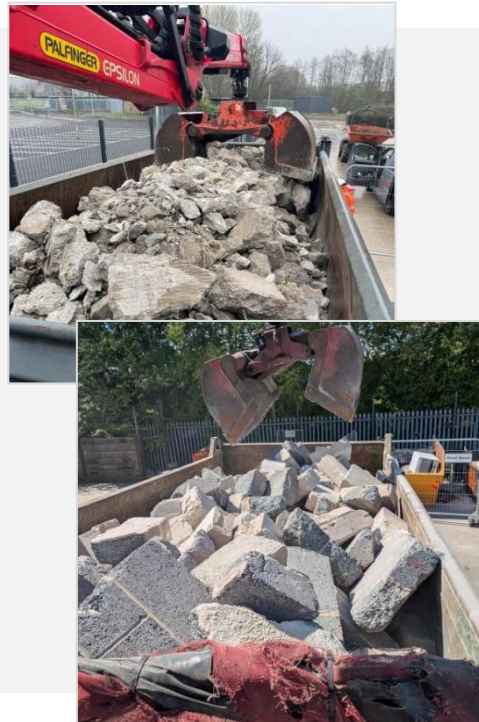
The sections below explain the most common waste streams we collect. Each one needs to be kept separate, if possible, as this affects how it's **processed, recycled,** and **priced.**

2.1 Hardcore

What is it? Bricks, blocks, concrete, rubble, tarmac, and hardcore stone from demolitions, old paths, or broken walls.

How we handle it: We load hardcore into our grab wagon and take it to a recycling facility where it's crushed and reused in construction projects.

Why separate it: Clean hardcore is easy to recycle and costs less to dispose of. If mixed with soil or other waste, it becomes more expensive to process.



2.2 Recyclable Soil (Inert Waste)

What is it? Clean topsoil or subsoil **without** clay, roots, grass, or contamination. Hardcore can be included.

How we handle it: We treat it as inert waste, sending it for screening and reuse in landscaping or as construction back-fill.

Why separate it: Clean soil avoids sorting charges and can be reused instead of landfill, making it more cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

2.3 Non-Recyclable Soil 🌱

What is it? Soil that contains clay, minor roots, grass sods, or small amounts of turf.

How we handle it: This soil is sent to a permitted disposal site rather than being recycled.

Why separate it: Once soil contains any clay or roots, it no longer qualifies as inert. Mixing it with clean soil affects the whole load and increases disposal costs.



2.4 Turf 🌱

What is it? Rolled-up lawn turf or clumps of grass with some soil still attached.

How we handle it: We treat turf as green waste and send it to composting facilities or mulch processors.

Why separate it: Turf can't be recycled with clean soil and must go through a different waste stream. Keeping it separate ensures correct processing.

2.5 Green Waste 🌿

What is it? Hedge trimmings, leaves, branches, garden pruning, and small tree cuttings.

How we handle it: This material is chipped and composted into soil improver or used for biomass energy.

Why separate it: If green waste is mixed with hardcore or soil, it can't be composted properly and must be handled as general waste, which costs more.





2.6 Wood

What is it? Clean timber off-cuts, pallets, and fence panels that haven't been painted or chemically treated.

How we handle it: Recycled through wood chipping or sent for reuse where possible.

Why separate it: Painted or treated wood must go to specialist disposal sites. Keeping it apart from clean wood helps reduce handling and disposal costs.

2.7 Mixed (General waste)

What is it? A combination of materials like wood, metal, plastic, bricks, and other general site waste.

How we handle it: Sorted at a transfer station. Recyclables are removed and the rest is sent to landfill.

Why separate it: Mixed loads should only be used when waste can't be sorted. They're the most expensive to process and are less eco-friendly.



2.8 Why Waste Separation Saves Time & Money

Keeping your waste types separate – like hardcore, clean soil, and green waste – makes **recycling easier** and **cheaper**. Mixed loads take longer to process and often **cost more** to **dispose of**. By sorting waste upfront, you help us work **faster on-site** and **reduce landfill costs** – saving you time and money in the long run.

2.9 Waste Category Material Breakdown Table

Material Characteristics	Hardcore	Recyclable Soil	Non-Recyclable Soil	Green Waste	Wood	Mixed Waste
Contains Brick / Rubble	✓	✓	✓			✓
Contains Clay			✓			✓
Contains Grass / Turf / Roots			✓	✓		✓
Contains Plastic / Bags / Rubbish						✓
Contains Clean Wood / Timber					✓	✓
Contains Painted / Treated Wood					✓	✓
Contains Green Leaves / Branches				✓		✓
Contains Large Mixed Items						✓
Compact / Bagged / Loose?	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Hazardous Smell / Liquid / Oil?						
Typically Heavy / Dense	✓	✓	✓			✓

✓ = Acceptable material in that waste stream

How to Use This Table 2.9.....

- Use this table before loading to ensure materials are sorted correctly – mixing the wrong types can raise disposal costs.
- If your waste includes more than 2 types, especially plastic, metal, or wood, it may count as mixed waste.

2.10 Quick Match: What Waste Do You Have?

Task You're Doing	Waste Type Likely Created
Digging out flower beds or turf	Turf + Recyclable Soil
Removing a lawn or levelling garden	Turf, Green Waste, Non-Recyclable Soil
Breaking up a concrete path	Hardcore
Pulling up old plants or hedges	Green Waste
Clearing a patio base	Hardcore + Soil
Emptying mixed skips or rubble bags	Mixed Waste
Dismantling fencing or decking	Clean or Treated Wood

2.11 Common Mistakes to Avoid

- ✗ Mixing **green waste** with **clean soil** – this makes it non-recyclable and **costs more** to dispose of.
- ✗ Adding **turf** or **clay** to **recyclable soil** – lowers quality and adds sorting fees.
- ✗ Putting **painted** or **treated wood** with **clean timber** – coated wood must go to specialist facilities.
- ✗ Waste containing **unexpected items (like metal, glass or plastic)** – this turns **recyclable** loads into **mixed waste**.

2.12 What Not to Put In Any Waste Load

Some materials must never be placed in general grab hire loads:



Asbestos or suspected asbestos



Gas cylinders or aerosol cans



Batteries or electrical appliances



Paints, oils or hazardous chemicals



Tyres or fuel containers



Large metal objects (unless pre-arranged)

Why?

These are **hazardous** and **require specialist handling** — let us know and we'll advise the safest route.



2.13 Not Sure What You Have?



No worries — most people aren't! If you're unsure whether your pile is hardcore, soil, turf, or a mix, just **snap a photo and send it to us**. We'll identify it and recommend the best, most cost-effective service.



Send to: info@manchestergrabs.co.uk



Or WhatsApp us on **0161 399 0469**

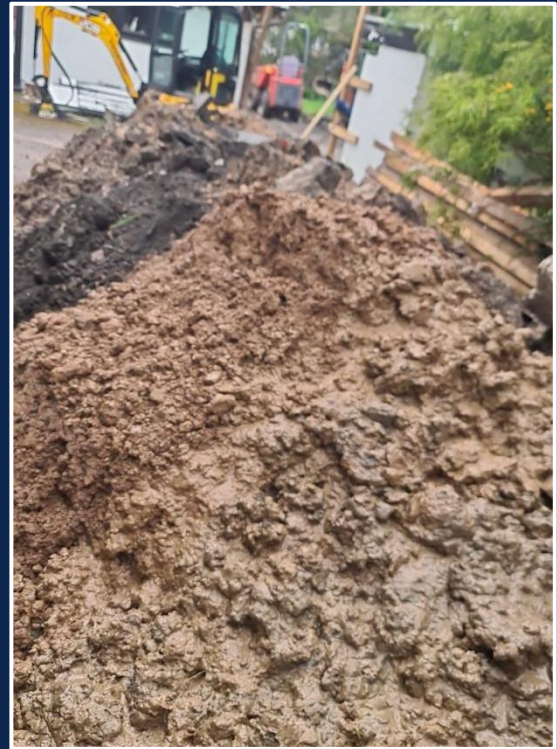


Pro Tip: Photos taken from a few angles (close and wide) help us assess size, weight, and access — so we can quote quickly and accurately.

2.14 Wet Spoil (Waterlogged Soil or Muck Loads)

1. What is it?

Wet spoil (wet waste) refers to heavily **waterlogged materials** — usually soil or muck — that's been exposed to rain or stored on saturated ground. If your waste pile is **squishy, soaked, or dripping**, it's likely wet spoil or waste.



2. What Causes It

Wet waste is often caused by:

- Leaving the pile uncovered during wet weather.
- Placing soil in low-lying areas where water collects.
- Digging out naturally clay-heavy, saturated ground.

Even clean soil can become uncollectable if soaked through.

3. Why It Matters

Wet spoil can **weigh twice** as much as **dry waste**. This:

- **Reduces** how much we can collect per load.
- **Doubles tipping charges** at recycling centres.
- Can lead to **tip refusal**, meaning the load must be brought back or left.

Unexpected changes disrupt our schedule, delay other customer, and incur additional costs

How We Handle It

When we arrive:

- **We assess** the material visually and by shovel
- If the load is **too wet** for **standard** tipping, we may:
 - ◆ Offer collection at an **adjusted rates**.
 - ◆ **Refuse the job** if it's not viable.
 - ◆ Suggest **partial collection** or **reschedule**.

We'll always try to offer a practical solution—but we must meet site and legal requirements.

How to Avoid Wet Spoil (Prevention Tip)

- Cover your pile with **tarpaulin / DPM / visqueen**
- Avoid placing soil in **dips or puddle-prone** spots
- Pile it somewhere water can drain
- Store waste on a **slope** or **well-draining** area if possible

This protects your load and avoids delays or extra costs.

Booking Tip: Let Us Know in Advance

If your waste might be **wet or exposed**, let us know **during booking**. We'll guide you on the best approach or collection time.

Common Mistakes to Avoid



Booking as "clean soil" when the load is actually wet or clay-heavy.



Leaving the pile **uncovered** before rain, turning it into wet waste.



Assuming wet soil will be accepted without **extra cost or delay**.

Our Right to Refuse Collection

If your **booked load is different from what's on-site** (e.g. you booked "hardcore" but it's heavy clay), we may refuse collection to avoid:

- Delays to other customers
- Additional operational costs
- Tipping penalties

This is **standard across our industry**.

Pricing Note

- **Wet spoil/waste** may be charged up to **2× normal rate** due to weight and tip site penalties
- We'll always quote **transparently**, but wet loads may only be **priced on-site**

Refund & Rebooking Policy

- If collection is **refused** and the customer won't accept a revised charge, **no refund** will be issued.

For full details, see our **[Terms & Conditions]**.



Want to Be Sure? Send Us a Photo

Before your collection day, just **send us a quick and clear photo via WhatsApp**.

We'll let you know if the pile is suitable—or what to do if it's not.



Section 3 – Site Access Requirements

To ensure your **grab collection** or **delivery** runs **on time** and **without disruption**, it's important that our vehicle can reach the waste pile or drop-off area safely. Please check the access requirements below before booking.



Narrow gate/low trees and cables – place waste kerbside for easy grab access

3.1 Width Clearance

Minimum opening: 3m of clear roadway or driveway.

Why it matters: Our grab wagon is about 2.7m wide. We need additional space to **manoeuvre** and safely **deploy the stabilisers**.

 **Tip:** If your gate or drive is narrower, consider **piling waste at the kerbside**, our 6 m reach arm can collect it from the public highway.

3.2 Height Clearance

Minimum opening: 6m clear of cables, tree branches, roof eaves or signage.

Why it matters: The **crane arm extends** up to 8m, so we need sufficient vertical clearance to raise, rotate and retract the equipment safely.

 **Tip:** Let us know in advance about low-hanging wires or trees—we can reposition the vehicle or suggest an alternative setup.

3.3 Ground & Surface Conditions

Firm, level surface: The surface should be **firm and level**—tarmac or concrete is ideal.

Why it matters: A fully loaded grab wagon can weigh over 30 tonnes. Soft, decorative or uneven ground can cause rutting, sinking, or tip hazards or may get marked.

 **Tip:** If you're working on decorative block paving or delicate ground, **placing Timber sheets** can help distribute the weight and protect the surface.

3.4 Obstructions & Hazards

Keep the area clear: Ensure there are no parked vehicles, wheelie bins, scaffolding, low walls or anything that might block access.

Why it matters:: Obstructions make loading difficult and can delay the service or cause damage. Hidden hazards like manhole covers should be clearly marked.

 **Tip:** You can send us a quick site photo or video before the booking – we'll help identify any potential access problems.

3.5 Positioning & Turning Space

Allow for room: Our wagons are 8–10 m long, so they need space to pull in, adjust if needed, and safely exit the site.

Roadside parking: If you're on a narrow street, check that vehicles opposite are moved or access won't be blocked.

 **Tip:** On tight estates, it helps to plan a one-way entry and exit route (e.g., "enter via Elm St, exit via Oak St").

3.6 Alternative Access Options

Reach-over service: If we can't access the waste directly, you can pile it in your front garden or at the kerb. Our grab arm can collect it from the highway.

Offload positioning: If you've booked an aggregate or topsoil delivery, just let us know exactly where you'd like it placed (e.g., "behind the garage" or "over the rear fence").



Plywood laying on gravel ground



Tight street, plan one-way access



Grab arm will be blocked by wires and trees



Better to pile waste outside fence or kerbside

3.7 Examples of good vs. tricky setups:

- ✓ **Good:** Open driveways, wide gates, kerbside piles, front gardens
- ✗ **Tricky:** Narrow alleyways, overhead wires, soft grass, sharp corners, tight estates

3.8 If You're Unsure, let us know...

By checking these requirements in advance, you'll help us **arrive, load, and depart efficiently** – avoiding **delays, additional costs and keeping your project on track**.

If you're unsure about any access points, just **send us** a quick photo or get in touch



Send to: info@manchestergrabs.co.uk



Or WhatsApp us on **0161 399 0469**

We're happy to advise the best setup for your site.

Section 4 – Grab Wagon Specs. & Capacity

Understanding the **capabilities** of our **grab** wagons helps you plan exactly **how much waste** we can haul in **one visit** and whether your site is suited to our trucks.

Here's a quick at-a-glance guide:

4.1 Grab Wagon Capacity (Reach & Loading)



Skip



*Grab Bucket/Scoop
Each scoop = 1-2 tonnes*



One grab wagon = ~2-3 skips of waste

1. How much waste can a grab wagon carry?

Each grab lorry can **carry up to 15 tonnes** of waste in a **single load**. That's about the same as two to three full skips, making it ideal for bulky garden waste, soil, or builder's rubble.

2. How far can the grab arm reach?

The crane arm can reach up to **6 meters horizontally** from the side of the lorry. This makes it perfect for pulling waste from hard-to-reach areas—like over fences, walls, or directly from a front garden or curbside.

3. How much material does the grab bucket lift at once?

Each **grab bucket scoop** holds roughly **half a cubic meter of material**. Depending on the material's density, that's around 1 to 1.2 tonnes per scoop – ideal for shifting soil, rubble, or hardcore quickly.

4. How long does it take to load a full grab wagon?

On average, loading a full wagon takes less than **20 minutes**. This includes arriving on-site, deploying stabilisers, setting up the arm, and completing the entire load.

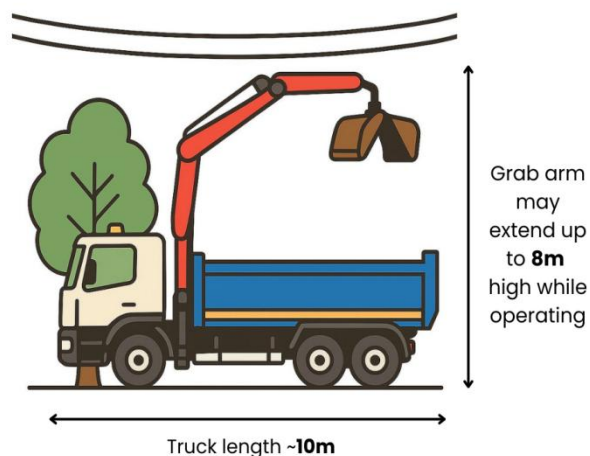
4.2 Physical Dimensions of Grab Wagon

Overall Length
~10 metres

Overall Width
~2.7 metres

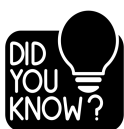
Transit Height
~3.8 metres

Stabiliser Span
~4 metres wide



4.3 One trip or multiple? We'll help you decide

- If you have **more than 15 tonnes**, we'll either schedule multiple loads or send additional wagons depending on timing and site space.
- Not sure how much you've got? **Just ask** – we'll estimate based on a photo or quick description.



Transit Height: The height of the grab lorry when it's driving.

Stabiliser Span: The space the truck needs on each side when parked to drop its legs and stay balanced.

Single Load: One full lorry of waste – up to 15 tonnes in one visit.



Pro Tip: Save time by piling waste in one spot

Where possible, place your waste in a single, clear pile with open access. The more reachable it is, the quicker we can load and go – keeping your job on track.

Section 5 – Aggregates & Topsoil

5.1 What Are Aggregates?

Aggregates are natural or recycled materials like crushed stone, gravel and sand. They're used as a base, filler, or finishing layer in most building, landscaping, and driveway projects.

You've likely walked or driven over them without realising – whether it's the solid stone under a tarmac driveway or the gravel path in your garden.

In simple terms: if you're building anything that needs a strong, level, or well-draining base, you'll probably need aggregates.

5.2 Common Types We Supply

Here's a breakdown of the most popular aggregates and soils we deliver across Manchester.



What is it?

A compactable crushed stone sub-base commonly used under hard surfaces.

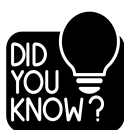
Type 1 MOT

What it's made of?

Graded limestone, or granite.

Where it's used: Ideal for building driveways, roads, patios, and paths.

Why choose it: It compacts tightly and creates a strong, stable base that supports heavy loads.



MOT stands for **Ministry of Transport**. Originally, **MOT Types** were specifications set by the UK Ministry of Transport for the materials used under roads and highways. It refers to a **graded, crushed stone sub-base** that meets strict standards for compaction and strength.

Even though the ministry doesn't manage road specs anymore, the name has stuck in construction and landscaping



What is it?

Increased drainage version of MOT Type 1

Type 3 MOT

What it's made of: Larger crushed granite or stone with reduced fines.

Where it's used: Perfect for SuDS-compliant surfaces, roads, or large bases that need drainage.

Why choose it: Offers a strong foundation while allowing effective water flow.

Sharp Grit Sand

What it's made of:

Naturally quarried or washed sand with angular grains.

Where it's used: Used beneath block paving, for screeds, rendering, and slab laying.

Why choose it: It offers strong support and helps water drain away.



What is it?

A coarse, gritty bedding sand used in construction and landscaping.



What is it?

Crushed hardcore materials reused as general groundwork fill.

Recycle Aggregates

What it's made of:

Waste concrete, bricks, or asphalt from demolition, screened for size.

Where it's used: Suitable for foundations, fill areas, and access roads.

Why choose it: Eco-friendly and budget-saving without compromising performance.

Limestone 6mm

What it's made of:

Quarried limestone, crushed and screened to 6mm.

Where it's used: Best as a blinding layer or top surface on compacted areas.

Why choose it: Helps create a smooth, sealed finish by filling gaps between coarser materials.



What is it?

A fine, compact crushed stone often used as a finishing layer.



What is it?

A small-size limestone aggregate with versatile construction uses.

Limestone 10mm

What it's made of:

Crushed and graded limestone.

Where it's used: Used in concrete mixes, footpaths, and pipe bedding areas.

Why choose it: Its smaller size compacts better than larger gravels and is easier to handle.

Limestone 20mm

What it's made of:

Crushed limestone in 20mm grading.

Where it's used: Common for driveways, sub-bases, pipe bedding and soakaways.

Why choose it: Locks together tightly, offering durability and load support.



What is it?

A medium-sized angular gravel for construction and drainage.



There is **more than one** type of **recycled aggregate**, currently available; Recycled MOT, Recycled 10mm pipe bedding, Recycled 20mm Pipe Bedding, Recycled 40–20mm, Recycled 80–40mm, Recycled 6F5.



What is it?

A specialist drainage stone that maintains high water flow.

Limestone Ultiflow

What it's made of:

Clean, open-graded limestone around 10–20mm.

Where it's used: Perfect around pipes, French drains, and soakaways.

Why choose it: It doesn't clog and allows rapid water movement through the material.

Road Planings

What it's made of:

Crushed and rolled tarmac/asphalt mixed with stone.

Where it's used: Ideal for driveways, farm tracks, and temporary surfaces.

Why choose it: Binds naturally when compacted and provides excellent value for large areas.



What is it?

Recycled surfacing from roads, offering a durable, bound finish.



What is it?

Visually appealing natural stone used for landscaping.

Decorative Stones

What it's made of:

Granite, slate, quartz, or coloured river gravel.

Where it's used: Borders, garden paths, water features, and decorative ground cover.

Why choose it: Enhances outdoor spaces with colour and texture, and needs little maintenance.

Recycled 6F5

What it's made of:

Crushed concrete, brick, and rubble screened to size.

Where it's used: Great for landscaping fill, piling mat and bulk fill and large groundwork areas.

Why choose it: A cost-effective and environmentally responsible fill option.



What is it?

A rough crushed bulk fill for groundwork and sub-base layers.



What is it?

A high-quality structural fill used for stable base layers.

Primary 6F5

What it's made of:

Quarried stone like limestone or granite, crushed to coarse sizes.

Where it's used: Building foundations, commercial sites, and road base.

Why choose it: Offers consistent performance and strength for heavy-duty applications.

Fill Sand

What it's made of:

Naturally quarried, dry sand with minimal lumps.

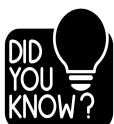
Where it's used: Pipe trenches, backfill gaps, levelling uneven surfaces, cable laying sand and bulk fill.

Why choose it: Spreads easily and fills spaces without compacting too hard.



What is it?

A clean, fine sand used for general backfilling.



The name 6F5 comes from a UK highways classification system where "6" means unbound fill, "F" stands for filler, and "5" indicates the grading and size of the material?



What is it?

Small, rounded decorative gravel that's gentle underfoot.

Pea Shingle 10mm

What it's made of:

Washed river or marine pebbles.

Where it's used: Garden borders, footpaths, and light drainage areas.

Why choose it: Attractive, smooth and easy to walk on — ideal for finished outdoor spaces.

Pea Shingle 20mm

What it's made of:

Naturally rounded, clean-washed stones.

Where it's used: Soakaways, under patio slabs, and gravel drives.

Why choose it: Provides structure while still allowing water to pass through.



What is it?

Medium-sized decorative gravel with good drainage.



What is it?

Large rounded stones used in deep drainage.

Pea Shingle 40mm

What it's made of:

Graded and washed river shingle.

Where it's used: French drains, deep soakaways, and drainage fields.

Why choose it: Excellent water flow — handles large volumes without clogging.



What is it?

All-in-one base mix for making concrete.

Ballast

What it's made of:

Sharp sand and gravel combined, typically up to 20mm.

Where it's used: Footings, post setting, shed bases and general concrete works.

Why choose it: No blending needed — just add cement and water to mix your own concrete.

Building Sand

What it's made of:

Naturally quarried sand with smooth, rounded particles and a consistent texture.

Where it's used: Ideal for bricklaying, pointing, internal plastering, and general rendering work.

Why choose it: Blends easily with cement, creating smooth, workable mortar with a clean finish — perfect for jobs where appearance and adhesion matter.



What is it?

A soft, fine sand commonly used for mortar and indoor or delicate building work.

5.3 Loose Loads vs. Bulk Bags

- **Loose loads** are tipped directly from a lorry and are **20-60%** cheaper per tonne than bags comparatively
- **Bulk bags** are neater and can be **placed exactly** where you want with a grab arm



Pro Tip: If access is easy, **go loose**. If you need tidy placement or storage, go for bulk bags.

5.4 How They Differ From Each Other

Each aggregate serves a different purpose based on its size, shape, drainage ability, and strength. Here's a simple comparison to help your clients make sense of the options:

Material	Grain Size (mm)	Best For	Drainage	Compact Well	Recycled
MOT Type 1	0-40	Driveways, roads, patios	Low	Yes	No
MOT Type 3	0-40	Permeable builds, wet areas	High	Medium	No
Primary 6F5	0-75	Large fill areas, under buildings	Low	Yes	No
Recycled 6F5	0-75	Sub-base fill, temporary roads	Low	Yes	Yes
Recycled MOT	0-40	Sub-base for domestic use	Low	Yes	Yes
Sharp Sand	0-5	Screeds, block paving	High	Moderate	No
Building Sand	0-2	Bricklaying, pointing	Low	Soft	No
Limestone	6/10/20	Paths, drive topping, concrete mixes	Medium	Yes	No
Limestone Ultiflow	4-20	French drains, soakaways	High	No	No
Road Planings	0-20 to 0-40	Temporary drives, haul roads	Medium	Self-binding	Yes
Decorative Stone	Varies	Garden features, rockeries	High	No	No
Ballast	0-20	Concrete mixes, fence posts	Low	Yes	No
Pea Shingles	10/20/40	Drainage, paths, soakaways	High	No	No
Topsoil (Clean)	0-10 after screening	Lawns, planting beds	Moderate	Yes	No
Recycled Topsoil	0-10 to 15	Garden fill, raised beds	Moderate	Yes	Yes
Fill Sand	Loose <2mm	Trench backfill, pipe bedding	High	No	Optional

5.5 How to Choose the Right One

If you're unsure which aggregate or soil product fits your project, this guide will help match your **task** to the **right material** – without any guesswork.

For Homeowners & Garden Projects



Project: Sub-base for roads or heavy-duty drives

Recommended Material: Primary 6F5 or MOT Type 1

Why? Durable, stable, and widely approved for structural work



Project: Backfill or deep foundations

Recommended Material: Recycled 6F5 or Fill Sand

Why? Coarse fill + compacts well for trenching



Project: Concrete mixing on site

Recommended Material: Ballast or Sharp Sand + Gravel

Why? Ideal for fence posts or small pours



Project: Sustainable or budget-conscious builds

Recommended Material: Recycled MOT or Recycled Topsoil

Why? Eco-friendly and cost-effective



Project: Decorative landscaping or visual appeal

Recommended Material: Pea Gravel, Decorative Stone

Why? Polished finish for front gardens or commercial spaces

For Builders, Landscapers & Site Work



Project: Laying a new driveway or patio base

Recommended Material: MOT Type 1 or Recycled MOT

Why? Strong, compactable sub-base for heavy foot or car traffic



Project: Building a garden path or shed base

Recommended Material: MOT Type 1 + Sharp Sand + Decorative Gravel

Why? Layered support + finishing options



Project: Turfing or planting flowerbeds

Recommended Material: Clean Topsoil or Recycled Topsoil

Why? Nutrient-rich for healthy roots



Project: Drainage around garden or soakaway

Recommended Material: Pea Shingle 20mm or Limestone Ultiflow

Why? Free-draining stone to prevent waterlogging



Project: Filling low areas or levelling ground

Recommended Material: Fill Sand or Recycled Topsoil

Why? Budget-friendly, easy to spread

5.6 Go Greener – Eco & Budget Materials

Recycled aggregates like MOT and topsoil are **environmental friendly** (reduces landfill), often **20-40% cost-effective**, and **suitable** for most general builds and landscaping.

Ask us if recycled options are available for your job – they often do the same work at a lower cost.

Section 6 – Plant Hire at a Glance

6.1 Machine Options & Uses

All plant hire rates include a qualified operator and fuel, so you get a turnkey solution – no hidden extras.

Grab Wagon Hire



What It's Used For: Removing soil, hardcore, rubble or green waste up to 15 tonnes

Key Benefits: No need to load – we grab it for you with a long-reach arm

When to Choose This: You want fast, hassle-free collection without hiring a skip.



Concrete Crusher Hire

What It's Used For: Crushing on-site concrete, bricks or rubble into reusable hardcore.

Key Benefits: Saves on skip hire and fresh aggregate costs.

When to Choose This: You have leftover building rubble and want to reuse it on-site



1 Tonne Digger

What It's Used For: Digging narrow trenches, garden projects, or work in tight-access spaces.

Key Benefits: Small enough for garden gates or side paths; low impact on surfaces.

When to Choose This: Your project is in a compact area where bigger diggers won't fit.



3 Tonne Digger

What It's Used For: Foundations, footings, small ponds, patios or landscaping.

Key Benefits: Stronger digging power while still small enough for most homes and gardens.

When to Choose This: You need more power than a micro digger but still have a standard domestic site



6 Tonne Digger

What It's Used For: Site levelling, medium-scale excavation, stump or concrete removal.

Key Benefits: More digging capacity and speed for heavier jobs

When to Choose This: You've got a bigger plot or want to move more earth faster.



14 Tonne Digger

What It's Used For: Large foundations, commercial landscaping, site clearance.

Key Benefits: Heavy-duty performance, great reach and high capacity.

When to Choose This: our project is large-scale or on a commercial construction site.



Wheeled Dumper Hire

What It's Used For: Fast transport of soil, rubble or materials on firm, flat sites.

Key Benefits: High-elevating skip tips straight into skips or wagons.

When to Choose This: You want to move materials quickly over hard standing.



Tracked Dumper Hire

What It's Used For: Moving spoil or materials across muddy, sloped or uneven terrain.

Key Benefits: Tracks spread weight and reduce sinking — great on wet ground.

When to Choose This: You're working on soft or challenging ground conditions.

6.2 Choosing the Right Machine for the Job

If you're not sure which machine suits your project, here's a quick reference based on typical household and trade tasks:

1-Tonne Digger	Small trench or garden bed
3-Tonne Digger	Footings, shed base, pond excavation
6-Tonne Digger	Driveway dig-out, stump removal
14-Tonne Digger	Site clearance or large foundations
Tracked Dumper	Moving spoil across soft/muddy ground
Wheeled Dumper	Moving material quickly on firm ground
Concrete Crusher	Crushing old bricks or concrete
Grab Wagon	Removing waste quickly and cleanly

6.3 Combo Service Options (Save Time & Cost)

We offer smart bundling options so you can get everything sorted in one smooth visit — no delays, no back-and-forth bookings.

Digger + Grab Hire

Excavate and remove waste on the same day
→ We dig, load, and take away the spoil — no need for skips or second visit.

Material Delivery + Plant Hire

Need MOT, topsoil or sand delivered for your digger job?
→ We can drop off aggregates before or during your dig, and position them on-site.

Crusher + Digger Hire

Crush rubble into reusable hardcore while digging next section
→ Ideal for self-contained building sites — saves money on disposal & new material

One-Stop Solution

Get your dig-out, waste removal, and new material delivery all handled by one team
→ Coordinated scheduling = fewer disruptions + better value

Just let us know your full job scope and we'll plan the best setup for your timeline and budget.

Section 7 – Estimated Pricings

 **Please note:** All prices listed below are **indicative** and **may vary** based on project details, location, material type, and availability.

7.1 Grab Hire (Waste Removal) – Estimated Pricing

- Grab-Away Waste Removal 
Approximately £240–£360 per load + VAT

Final pricing depends on:

- The type of waste (e.g. clean soil, mixed)
- Your location and how accessible your site is
- Time spent on-site (e.g. waiting, loading)
- Remember, One grab load can remove up to 15 tonnes of waste

7.2 Plant Hire – Estimated Pricing

We provide fully operated and fueled machinery – perfect for site work, landscaping, or groundwork prep.

Equipment	Day Rate + VAT
Crusher Hire	£ 750 / day + VAT
1 Tonne Digger	£ 320 / day + VAT
3 Tonne Digger	£ 400 / day + VAT
6 Tonne Digger	£ 590 / day + VAT
14 Tonne Digger	£ 780 / day + VAT
Tracked Dumper	£ 300 / day + VAT
1 Tonne Wheeled Dumper	£ 320 / day + VAT

7.3 Aggregates & Topsoil – Estimated Pricing



Materials 	Typical Rate (Loose)
MOT Type 1	£ 24–£ 46/t + VAT
MOT Type 3	£ 27–£ 62/t + VAT
Primary 6F5	£ 24–£ 56/t + VAT
Recycled 6F5	£ 22–£ 35/t + VAT
Recycled MOT	£ 22–£ 35/t + VAT
Sharp Sand	£ 30–£ 48/t + VAT
Building Sand	£ 30–£ 52/t + VAT
Limestone 6 mm	£ 43–£ 65/t + VAT
Limestone 10 mm	£ 27–£ 52/t + VAT
Limestone 20 mm	£ 27–£ 52/t + VAT
Limestone Ultiflow	£ 38–£ 63/t + VAT
Road Planings	£ 24–£ 37/t + VAT
Decorative Stone	£ 35–£ 270/t + VAT
Ballast	£ 27–£ 48/t + VAT
Pea Shingles	£ 34–£ 72/t + VAT
Compost/sand Blend	£ 45–£ 74/t + VAT
Recycled Topsoil	£ 29–£ 44/t + VAT

Bulk Discounts On Loose Loads



- 1–4 tonnes: base rate
- 5–9 tonnes: ~10% off
- 10–19 tonnes: ~20% off
- 20–tonne loads: up to ~45% off

Ordering & Delivery Extras:

- **Free Delivery** on all orders over £150—whether loose loads or bulk bags—within our service area.
- **Mix & Match:** Combine materials in one trip — just tell us what you need.
- **Site Placement:** – Let us know where you want your material dropped.
- **Plan Ahead:** – Book **delivery** alongside your **grab-away** for a smooth one-visit solution.

Bulk Bag Deliveries



- £40–£65 per bag + VAT
- Each bulk bag holds approx. 850kg.



Pro Tip: Loose loads are typically 20–60% cheaper per tonne than bulk bags, if you have space for tipping..

Section 8 – Book Fast – Just 4 Simple Steps

01 – Get a Free Quote



You can reach us in whatever way suits you:

 Website: Fill in our quote form at manchestergrabs.co.uk

 Phone: Call us on **0161 399 0469**

 WhatsApp: Message us at the same number

@ Email: Send us details at info@manchestergrabs.co.uk

02 – Choose Your Date & Service



Once you have your quote:

- **Confirm** which **service(s)** you'd like to go ahead with
- Let us know your ideal day – we can often do next-day or even same-day
- **Mention** any **time preferences** (morning, afternoon, or fixed slot)

03 – Confirm & Pay



- We'll send you your **quote by email** or text.
- You can **pay online** using any major card.
- The price we give includes everything: fuel, labour, disposal, operator time – **no hidden costs**

04 – We Arrive & Complete the Job



- You'll get a quick **heads-up message** from the driver about 15–30 minutes before arrival
- We'll **carry out** the **service** (grab-away or delivery), usually in under an hour
- You'll be asked to check the work and **sign a simple receipt** or waste transfer note
- That's it – we **tidy up and head out**

What we'll ask:

- Are you a business or a private customer?
- What service do you need (waste removal, aggregate delivery, plant hire — or a mix)?
- What kind of material is involved (e.g. soil, rubble, MOT Type 1, topsoil)?
- How much material (half-load, full-load, or estimated weight)?
- Full site address and postcode
- A contact number for updates on the day
- Any site notes (tight entrance, school hours, gates, parking restrictions)?
- Preferred date and time slot



Pro Tip: If you need us for **multiple visits** — like a delivery one day and waste pickup the next — just tell us in advance so we can plan it smoothly

Section 9 – Trade vs Domestic Accounts

9.1 Domestic (Pay-Per-Job)

- **No Account Needed:** Simply book as and when you need us.
- **Payment Terms:** Full payment is made upfront at the time of booking or on the day of service.
- **Instant Payment:** Card or BACS, pay online through our payment portal.
- **Flexible Booking:** One-off jobs or occasional projects – no commitments.
- **Online Portal Access:** Track your bookings and invoices if you'd like, but no long-term ties.

9.2 Trade (Account Customers)

- **Monthly Invoicing:** Order throughout the month and settle via one consolidated invoice.
- **Payment Terms:** **Credit terms available** – payment is made via monthly invoice, as agreed during your account setup.
- **Priority Scheduling:** Early access to our calendar and faster turnaround for regular clients.
- **Dedicated Support:** A single point of contact for streamlined communication and project planning.
- **Easy Account Setup:** Just supply basic company details and trade references, and you're good to go.

Section 10 – Customer Support & Contact

Got questions or ready to book?

We're here around the clock to help you keep your project moving smoothly.

 Phone : 0161 399 0469

- 24/7 live assistance
- We're available around the clock to answer your questions, provide quotes, or help with bookings and changes.

@ Email : info@manchestergrabs.co.uk

Send us:

- Photos of your waste or access area
- Site plans or delivery instructions
- Requests for quotes, trade accounts, or material advice

 Online: www.manchestergrabs.co.uk

- Use our "Get a Quote" form
- Chat with us instantly via the live chat widget
- Track and manage your bookings through our online portal

Social Media:

 facebook : [/Manchestergrabhire](https://www.facebook.com/Manchestergrabhire)

 Instagram : [/manchestergrabhireltd](https://www.instagram.com/manchestergrabhireltd)

 LinkedIn: [/manchestergrabhire](https://www.linkedin.com/company/manchestergrabhire)



Operating Hours:

- Customer Support:
Available 24/7

■ Grab & Delivery Services:

- Monday–Friday: 7 AM – 5 PM
- Saturday: 7 AM – 1 PM
- Out of business hours & Sundays by request



Pro Tip: Before you call, jot down your site address, material type, estimated load size, and any access issues — it'll help us quote faster and get you booked in smoothly.

Section 11 – Sustainability & Legal Compliance

✓ Registered Waste Carrier

We are fully licensed by the Environment Agency to carry and manage waste. This ensures every load is handled legally from pickup to disposal.

✓ Waste Transfer Notes

You'll receive a Waste Transfer Note for every load. It records the waste type and where it came from. – ideal for audits or personal records.

✓ High Recycling Rates

Over 80% of the materials we collect are recycled. Inert soils and hardcore are crushed and reused as aggregates, reducing landfill use and environmental impact.

✓ Hazardous Materials Excluded

We do not collect or transport hazardous materials like asbestos, chemicals, oils, batteries, gas cylinders, tyres, or electricals. These require specialist handling.

✓ Eco-Friendly Delivery Logistics

We reduce unnecessary mileage by using back-hauling and route optimisation, and our fleet is fitted with modern Euro-compliant engines to lower emissions.

✓ Sustainable Product Options

We offer recycled alternatives like Recycled MOT Type 1, crushed concrete, and recycled topsoil – all supporting circular construction and greener projects.

✓ Health & Safety Standards

Our drivers and operators are fully trained and certified, including crane and HIAB qualifications. We conduct regular vehicle inspections and risk assessments on site to keep your project safe and compliant.

Section 12 – Frequently Asked Questions

Here are the most common questions we get—along with clear, concise answers to help you plan your project:

1. What do I need to book a grab hire service?

You'll need to tell us the type of material (e.g. soil, hardcore, mixed waste), the pickup/delivery address, and your preferred date. Please also confirm any site access permissions or restrictions.

2. How much does it cost to hire a grab wagon?

Costs depend on waste volume, distance, and site complexity. We provide tailored quotes, so contact us for an accurate price.

3. Do I need to prepare anything before the grab wagon arrives?

Ensure the site is accessible and free of obstructions. Let us know of any special safety or access requirements (e.g., low bridges, narrow gates).

4. Can I schedule a grab hire service outside of regular business hours?

Yes – ask about early starts, evenings, or weekend slots when booking. We're flexible to fit your project timeline.

5. What types of materials can your grab wagons carry?

We handle soil, concrete, garden waste, and general construction debris. For specialty or hazardous materials, please contact us to discuss safe handling.

6. Are there any weight limits for a single grab wagon load?

Our wagon carries up to 15 tonnes. If you need more, we'll arrange additional wagons or extra trips to accommodate your load.

7. How far in advance should I book a grab hire service?

We recommend booking at least 48 hours ahead. For last-minute or same-day requests, give us a call – if we have availability, we'll do our best to help.

8. Can I schedule ongoing grab hire services for a long-term project?

Absolutely. We can set up recurring bookings or a contract for regular waste collection or deliveries. Contact us to arrange a custom schedule.

9. What payment methods do you accept?

We take all major credit/debit cards, bank transfers & mobile payments. Trade customers can also set up an account for monthly invoicing.

10. Is a deposit required to secure a booking?

For cash accounts, full payment is required before we can schedule and dispatch. For trade accounts, you benefit from credit terms, so no upfront deposit is needed.

11. Are there any additional fees I should be aware of?

We pride ourselves on transparent pricing. Any potential extras – like access surcharges or waiting time – are clearly outlined in your initial quote. No hidden surprises.

Section 13 – Site Preparation Checklists

13.1 Site Prep Checklist for Household Clients

Before we arrive, please check the following:

☐ **Waste is classified and ready in a single pile**

- Place as close to the kerb or drive as possible for smooth grab access.
 - Separate by type if possible (wet spoil, dry soil, rubble, turf, green waste).
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☐ **Kerbside or driveway access is clear**

- Minimum 3m wide opening
 - No parked cars, bins, skips or obstructions blocking access
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☐ **Overhead clearance is safe**

- No low-hanging wires, tree branches, or signs within 6m vertical reach
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☐ **Ground is suitable for heavy vehicle**

- Driveway, access path or drop zone should be level and firm (tarmac, gravel or concrete)
 - Use plywood sheets if you want to protect decorative paving
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☐ **Hazards are clearly marked**

- Manholes, inspection chambers, or soft ground identified and communicated
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☐ **Children and pets are safely indoors**

For everyone's safety, make sure the area is clear while the vehicle is working

☐ **You're available by phone**

- The driver will text or call when nearby for coordination.
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☐ **Need help deciding where to place waste?**

- Send us a photo or video in advance and we'll guide you
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13.2 Site Prep Checklist for B2B / Commercial Clients

To ensure fast, efficient service on-site:

☐ **Designated waste area is clearly marked**

- Ensure waste is pre-sorted where required (especially for large volumes)

☐ **Access routes are fully open**

- Minimum 3m width clearance, 6m overhead
- Confirm access times and traffic management if working near roads

☐ **Surface can support 30+ tonnes**

- Avoid soft ground or temporary ramps; plan for plywood if access is delicate

☐ **Crew or contact is on-site**

- Ensure a representative is available to confirm load/drop locations

☐ **Permits are in place (if needed)**

- Especially if we're collecting from or delivering to a public highway

☐ **Hazards are flagged in advance**

- Provide any known risks, ground conditions, or time restrictions during booking

☐ **Machinery clearance checked (for plant hire)**

- Space for tracked dumper/crusher operation confirmed before arrival

☐ **Back-to-back service coordination confirmed**

- If you're combining waste removal with aggregate delivery, ensure there is space for the delivery before the waste is removed
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Section 14 – MGH – Terms of Service(s)

By accepting an estimate or invoice from Manchester Grab Hire, the customer agrees to abide by the following Terms and Conditions:

Governing Law

These Terms & Conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of England and Wales. Any disputes arising under these Terms shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales.

Cancellation Policy

If the customer cancels the booking after a confirmed order has been placed, the vehicle has been dispatched or has arrived at the agreed location, Manchester Grab Hire reserves the right to charge a cancellation fee equivalent to the full quoted rate to cover incurred costs.

Access and Liability

The customer is responsible for ensuring safe and suitable access for the vehicle from a public highway unless otherwise explicitly agreed in writing.

Any request by the customer for the vehicle to leave the public highway onto private property will be entirely at the customer's risk. Manchester Grab Hire will not be liable for any damage caused to surfaces, underground utilities, overhead services, or property in connection with fulfilling the customer's request.

The customer agrees to indemnify Manchester Grab Hire against any claims arising from damage caused by accessing private property at the customer's request.

Permits and Legal Access

Where access to the public highway or a restricted area requires a permit, it is the customer's responsibility to obtain and provide evidence of the required permissions. Manchester Grab Hire will not be liable for fines or delays resulting from failure to secure necessary legal access.

Surface Protection and Damage

The customer acknowledges responsibility for protecting all surfaces where waste collection or material delivery will take place. Manchester Grab Hire will not be held liable for any damage to driveways, pavements, gardens, landscaping, or other surfaces during service operations.

If protection of surfaces is required, the customer must arrange suitable protection (e.g., hardwood sheets) at their own expense prior to commencement of works.

Material Specification and Waste Disposal

The customer is responsible for clearly specifying the type and condition of material to be collected or delivered. Incorrect specification leading to contamination or refusal at disposal or delivery points will incur additional costs, which will be passed on to the customer.

Hazardous or Prohibited Materials

The customer must not present hazardous, toxic, flammable, explosive, or otherwise prohibited materials for collection or delivery unless explicitly agreed in writing. Any breach of this condition may result in immediate termination of service and additional charges.

Overloading and Safety Compliance

Manchester Grab Hire reserves the right to refuse loading materials that exceed the maximum allowable weight, volume, or dimensions. Any costs incurred due to delays or repeated trips caused by unsuitable loading practices will be charged to the customer.

Service Limitations

Vehicles have physical limitations regarding reach, load weight, and tipping clearance. The customer is responsible for understanding these limitations and ensuring the job is suitable for the service provided. No refunds or discounts will be issued for service non-fulfilment due to incompatibility with site conditions.

Time Allowance and Additional Time Charges

Grab hire services include a maximum loading time of 20 minutes on site. Material delivery services include a maximum unloading time of 10 minutes on site. Any additional time required beyond these allowances is chargeable at the discretion of Manchester Grab Hire.

Waiting Time and Site Delays

If the driver is unable to commence work upon arrival due to site access issues, lack of readiness, or customer delay, waiting time will be chargeable beyond the included time allowance. This includes delays due to blocked access, site personnel unavailability, or failure to provide required permits.

Pricing and Additional Charges

Quotations provided are based upon the information given by the customer at the time of booking. Any changes, additional loads, or unforeseen circumstances not disclosed at booking may incur additional charges.

.Payment Terms

Payment is due upon receipt of invoice unless otherwise explicitly agreed. Late payments may incur additional fees and interest at statutory rates

Customer Presence and Authorisation

A responsible person must be present on-site at the agreed time to guide the operation and approve the position for loading/unloading. If no one is available, the driver will use their best judgement; Manchester Grab Hire accepts no liability for decisions made in the absence of the customer or representative.

Driver's Right to Refuse Service

Our drivers reserve the right to refuse to operate machinery or unload in any situation they deem unsafe or likely to result in damage, injury, or legal violation. This includes unstable ground, overhead obstructions, or unclear instructions. In such circumstances, Manchester Grab Hire reserves the right to apply cancellation or call-out charges to cover incurred costs.

Photos and Evidence

Manchester Grab Hire reserves the right to take photographs or video of the delivery or collection site before, during, and after operations for evidence in the event of a dispute regarding damage, delays, or service fulfilment.

Returns and Haulier Charges

If the customer elects to return any materials, Manchester Grab Hire will arrange collection at the customer's request. All return trips are chargeable at the haulier's prevailing rate, which covers vehicle hire, driver time, fuel, and administration. Charges will be calculated based on:

Distance: Measured from the original delivery/collection point to the return drop-off location and back to the depot, at the haulier's standard mileage rate.

Time: Including loading/unloading time beyond the included allowance (20 minutes for loading, 10 minutes for unloading), billed at the haulier's hourly labour rate.

Weight/Volume: If applicable, at the rate quoted for additional tonnage or cubic capacity.

All return charges are subject to VAT at the applicable rate and are payable in accordance with the standard Payment Terms (see clause 13). By requesting a return, the customer acknowledges and accepts these haulier charges in full.

Price Variations

Manchester Grab Hire does not offer fixed-price quotations. Due to ongoing market uncertainty – including fluctuations in fuel costs, haulage rates, and operating expenses – Manchester Grab Hire reserves the right to increase any prices quoted at any time prior to acceptance, and, once accepted, at any time prior to completion of the services.

Force Majeure

Manchester Grab Hire shall not be liable for any delays, interruptions, or failures arising from circumstances beyond its reasonable control including, but not limited to, weather conditions, strikes, breakdowns, road closures, or regulatory restrictions.

By using Manchester Grab Hire services, the customer confirms their acceptance of these Terms & Conditions.

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