

Frequently asked questions about grab lorry hire

A grab lorry is an extremely cost effective and useful tool, however it is a large vehicle and the hiring of a grab lorry can raise a number of questions. We have answered some of the most common questions here:

1. How much can a grab lorry hold?

There are usually three different sizes of grab lorry you can hire. The most common is an 8 wheel grab lorry. This holds approximately 14 m³ or 17 tonnes which roughly equates to the amount that 3 six yard skips can hold, making it a cost effective option if possible.

2. What can a grab lorry take away?

The main use for the grab lorry is to remove large quantities of soil and concrete or hardcore. It can also grab green waste but is not generally designed to remove general rubbish items. The grab lorry can also be used to deliver materials such as recycled aggregate if a certain quantity is needed to be placed in a specific place.

3. What access is required and where can a grab lorry load from?

An 8 wheel grab lorry is approximately 9 ft wide and 22ft long. It loads itself with its bucket from the side of the vehicle and can reach as far out as 8 metres from the vehicle, grabbing up to a ton at full reach.



4. How much notice do I need to give to book a grab lorry?

Most companies like as much notice as possible but usually a couple of days' notice allows you to secure a date and approximate time that is convenient for you.

5. What happens if I don't have enough to fill a grab lorry?

If you don't have a full load it may be possible for you to only pay for a half load or by the ton in some cases. At Haulaway we take bookings for half loads so if you don't have a full load then you won't be charged for one. Even if you do only have a small amount of soil or hardcore it is still worth considering the grab lorry as it may work out as cheap as a small skip and it does all the work so that you don't have to!

6. What happens if I have more than one load to be grabbed away?

If you have more than one load to be taken away you can usually pre-book up to a full days hire for larger quantities. If you have just over a load you can book a half load at a reduced rate so that your waste material is completely cleared.