

# Environmental Policy

We recognise that as a business we have to use resources and it is our policy to minimise waste and our environmental impact.

This involves watching our waste, recycling where possible, saving energy and using appropriate transport to minimise pollution and fuel use.

## Waste

- We will undertake an annual waste audit to find out what we are throwing away and whether we can recycle more or reduce our production of waste.
- We will avoid use of disposable cups, plates and cutlery
- We will recycle all our waste paper and where possible other recyclable waste such as cans, bottles, and printer/copier cartridges.
- When purchasing raw materials and products we will choose recycled materials wherever it is possible and economically viable.
- We will maintain an awareness of best practice as it applies to our business.

## Water

- We have no direct water connection as we share facilities for toilets, washing up and fresh water for drinking but will minimise wastage where possible by not leaving water running.

## Energy

- We will switch off lights, computers and other electrical equipment if not in use and at night
- We will make the most of natural daylight by keeping windows and skylights clean.
- We will use thermostatic controls on radiators and heating systems so that staff can control their working environment and energy use

## Transport

- We will try to optimise route planning and scheduling for business journeys and deliveries to reduce mileage and maximise loads
- Encourage staff where possible to share vehicles or use public transport for work journeys.

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