

THE WASTE HIERARCHY

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR WASTE

Under The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011, it is a legal requirement for businesses to take all reasonable steps to manage their waste in line with The Waste Hierarchy.

REDUCE (PREVENTION)



Prevention: reducing waste in the first instance is the most sustainable method for managing waste. e.g. replacing plastic and paper cups with reusable cups, printing less and reducing packaging!

REUSE



Reusing waste is preferable over recycling. Waste can be reused within your own business or could benefit organisations outside of your business. e.g. rework unwanted furniture or donate to charity. Reuse waste paper for notepads!

RECYCLE



Recycling is the next preferable option for managing waste, it helps conserve natural resources, reducing emissions and waste to landfill. Many materials can be recycled: Paper, plastics, cans, glass, food waste, batteries and electronic equipment to name but a few.

ENERGY RECOVERY



Waste to energy recovered is considered to be better than the final option of landfill. Recovery involves using waste resources to create a product of value such as electricity or heat.

LANDFILL



Landfill is the least desirable option for managing waste. Landfilling capacity is diminishing in the UK and the landfilling of waste causes harmful greenhouse houses which are hazardous to our environment.

Every little counts so do your bit by reducing, reusing and recycling where you can