



# Top Tips to improve your waste strategy



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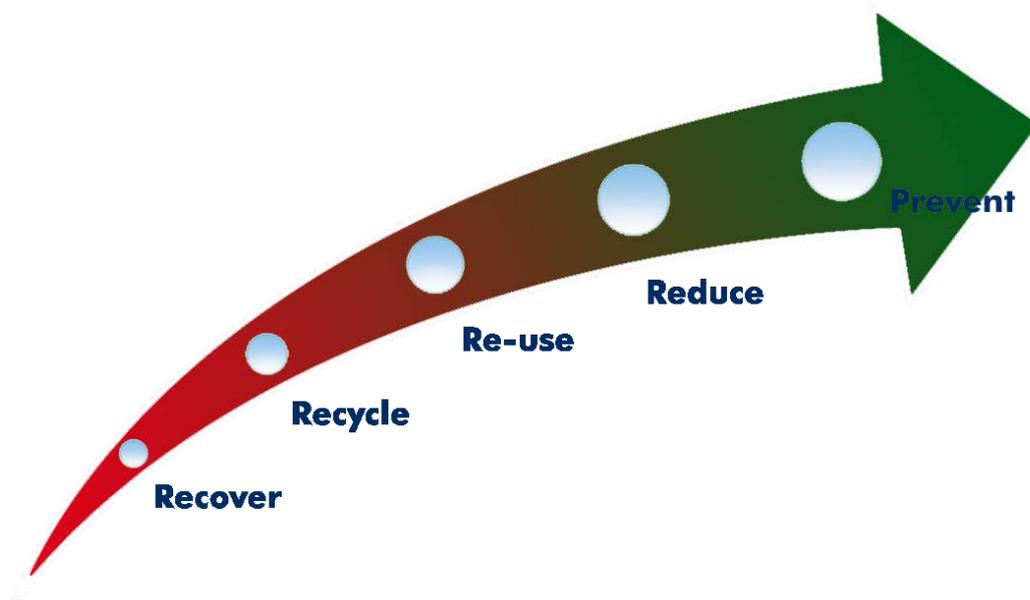
# Introduction

Rather than viewing waste as costly but necessary problem, taking a step back and looking at potential improvements will enhance your organisation's environmental and financial performance.

## Know what waste you generate

It is easy to assume that you produce 'general' and 'recyclable' waste, but to tailor the right solution, at the right price, you need to understand the actual type, quantity and source of waste generated at your business premises.

Whatever the size of your property, take the time to look at the waste going into your general waste containers - you might be surprised at how much, and the type of, recyclable material that is mixed in there.



# Embed Practical Recycling Processes

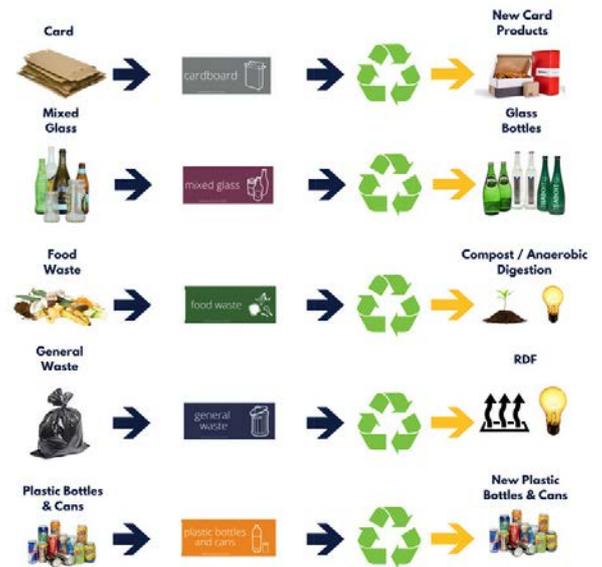
By identifying which areas of your business premises produce what waste, you can modify the waste storage provisions to segregate more recycle and reduce the more costly general waste collections.

- Are the bins situated in a practical location?
- Are they clearly signposted?
- Is your recyclable waste being cross-contaminated with other materials?
- Does everyone have a desk bin that makes it too easy to mix the contents?

You need to have the right storage facilities available and ensure that all members of staff buy-in to their obligations.



## WHAT HAPPENS TO WASTE AFTER COLLECTION?



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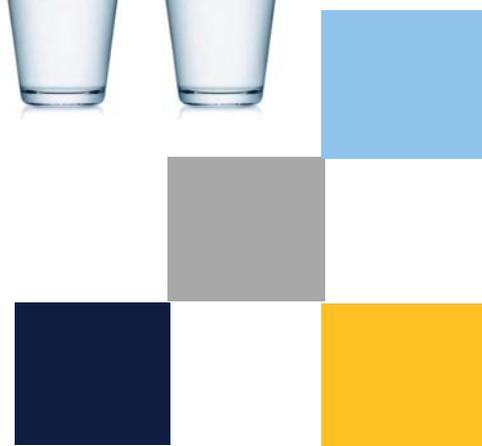
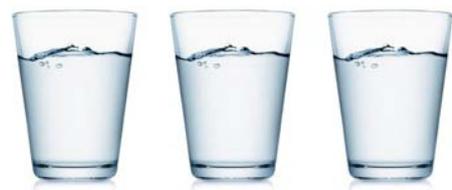


# Minimise the amount of waste you generate

Once you have assessed the type, volume and source of the waste streams, you can also find ways to minimise waste.

Reduce and Reuse approaches may include:

- Rolling out a company-wide waste minimisation campaign
- Encouraging people to print less paper, and if they print by mistake, turn over and use as note paper.
- Adopt a reusable coffee cups only policy
- Choose glass over plastic cups, as they can be used over and over.
- Use tupperware for lunch to be brought in, to reduce foil and clingfilm waste.
- Wash out containers to remove food residue to be reused
- Introduce hand dryers as opposed to paper towels
- Provide ceramic cups and crockery, and metal cutlery which can be reused
- Remove sources of single use items such as vending machines
- Consider a reverse vending machine to recycle plastic separately



# Speak to an expert

Now that you have garnered a better understanding of your waste, speak to a commercial waste management company who can advise on an effective strategy that is bespoke to your requirements.

Perhaps you have enough of a particular commodity to bale the material and generate revenue – such as cardboard?

Or a compactor could be useful to reduce general waste transport and disposal costs.

We can assist in assessing your waste strategy and helping you reduce, reuse recycle and recover the energy from your waste, avoiding landfill.





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