

catering for a better future

saving resources and money in hospitality businesses

About these fact files

Waste is important to your business and there are three key reasons you should manage it responsibly:

- 1. It's the law.**
- 2. It could save you money.**
- 3. The environment can't cope with the current amount of waste being generated.**

Plus, if you take waste seriously, you'll see real benefits for your business: financially and in terms of PR and Corporate Social Responsibility.

This series of fact files is designed to help your business make the most of the opportunities to reduce its waste, save on disposal costs, recycle as much as possible and negotiate the best contract for waste management services – as well as stay legal.

These fact files will help you to find the best waste management solutions for your business, and the environment and – perhaps more importantly – will help you to take the hassle out of waste management. They can be used for in-house training programmes or supplied to individual business units.

Reducing costs and hassle

1. Most companies charge you for each waste container they empty. Invariably, businesses have more waste containers than they require and each container is less than three-quarters full when emptied. So for each partially full waste container, you are paying to empty at least a proportion of air.
2. Negotiating a cheaper deal with your waste contractor is not the only way of decreasing the cost of your waste disposal. Rationalise the range of products your business buys in the first place, or improve portion control and you could reduce wastage. Fact file 4 contains examples of what can be achieved by better control of the purchasing ledger, portion control, quality management and targeting waste reduction.
3. Sorting waste for recycling is often cheaper than sending waste to landfill and fact file 5 will help you make recycling viable for your business. Sorting waste may not be as onerous as you think. You may be able to find a recycling collection agent who will collect recyclable materials in "co-mingled" form –

mixed paper, cardboard, aluminium and steel cans – although glass usually has to be collected separately.

Nowadays, almost all collectors take mixed coloured glass and there is no longer a need to separate it by colour (green, clear, brown and sometimes blue).

Fact files 1, 2 and 3 are aimed at the person who is responsible for purchasing and arranging waste management services, or who manages environmental management programmes.

Fact files 4 and 5 are aimed more at individual business units.

Read on to find out how waste affects your business, and what you stand to save by managing it well.

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WRAP

WRAP (the Waste & Resources Action Programme) is a major UK programme established to promote resource efficiency. Its particular focus is on creating stable and efficient markets for recycled materials and products and removing barriers to waste minimisation, re-use and recycling.

A not-for profit company, WRAP is backed by substantial Government funding from Defra and the devolved administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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