

Sustainability & Recycling

Harvey Shopfitters Limited have long been committed to minimising the environmental impact of our activities. This has evolved into an important feature of company policy, deriving both from our ethical values – a genuine belief that companies have a duty to be socially responsible in their operations – but also from a recognition that poor waste management and unnecessary consumption affects our operational efficiency and profitability as a business.

We are now taking this commitment forward with the creation of an internal project group tasked with analysing all aspects of our activities, identifying and implementing measures to further reduce our environmental impact, with the firm ambition of achieving ISO14001 certification standard by May 2011.

Waste Control

We are continually seeking to reduce waste in all areas of our business operations.

Biomass Fuel

We use a substantial amount of wood, both on-site and in our workshop. We separate out all clean wood offcuts from our activities. This timber is then processed on our own premises into woodchip biomass fuel. This fuel is then provided free of charge to the local Kings Forest Primary School which contributes to running the school's biomass boiler.

Woodland Management

As part of our extensive Bristol site we own four hectares of woodland. We are producing a management plan to sustainably cut timber from this woodland for the production of biomass fuel.

Waste Management

We use a national waste management company whose responsibility it is to ensure that all our skips are supplied from companies that separate all waste for recycling. We have actively checked companies we are using to ensure compliance.

Where possible when working out on-site we install separate skips for waste separation and negotiate with all suppliers to ensure that as much packaging as possible is returned with the delivery for recycling.

Plastic, cardboard and clean wood generated by on-site projects is returned to our yard, in our own vehicles, for recycling. We maintain separate containers within our yard for recycling paper, cardboard, plastic, timber and plasterboard.

We also have an agreement with a local company who take away all redundant office machinery for stripping down and recycling.

We have installed a separate extraction system to the workshop that separates the clean wood shavings from MDF, so that the clean wood can be recycled.

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Transportation

- We have implemented an interest-free loan facility for the purchase of bicycles, available to all office and production-based personnel, to encourage cycling to work rather than driving.
- We have reviewed our vehicle fleet and replaced 80% of the fleet with VW Golf Blue Motions. This has delivered a 16% saving in fleet fuel consumption.
- We have seen a 130% increase in the use of public transport by managers.
- We have undertaken to change all the vans in the fleet from 1st January 2011, replacing them with new vans that use speed limiters to reduce fuel consumption.
- As part of our managers' regular appraisals we assess each project to review its transportation usage. We use this data to determine where future reductions in the transportation overhead might be achieved.