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a Carbon Neutral Co₂mpany 

Environmental Policy

Environmental considerations must be at the forefront of modern waste management practices.

We live in a throw-away society with planned obsolescence and disposable, over-packaged products. For too long people have behaved as if the Earth's resources are infinite, without thinking about the consequences. There is an urgent need to change the way we think about waste, you cannot throw things away - it all goes somewhere - there has become an increasing awareness that the planet's resources are finite and that our attitudes towards waste have a huge impact on the natural environment.

1. Fortress operates a state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) which enables us to recover the maximum amount of recycling from our customers.
2. Mixed Recycling of paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, plastic film and metals form a significant part of the waste stream.
3. Separate Food Recycling collections are encouraged, which reduces reliance on landfill and dramatically reduces the impact of greenhouse gas emissions (biodegradable material releases methane when it breaks down).
4. Separate Glass Recycling collections are encouraged, to ensure the highest levels of recovered glass.
5. Waste wood is recovered in the MRF process and recycled.
6. Material that cannot be recycled is turned into Waste-to-Energy fuel that directly displaces the burning of fossil fuels in a local cement factory.
7. A limited amount of material is sent to landfill only where no other form of recovery is viable.
8. The carbon dioxide emissions from operating our fleet of vehicles and our depot is independently assessed each year and offset with investment in renewable energy projects.
9. We operate Mix Telematics analytics across our fleet of vehicles, which monitors the performance of our drivers. Drivers that meet the required standard receive a monthly bonus. This innovation has led to a significant reduction in our fuel consumption.

We commit to:

1. Assess and regularly re-assess the environmental effects of our equipment, plant and operations
2. Adhere to all relevant regulations concerning waste and environmental well-being.
3. Ensure that all supplier and sub-contracted operations are in-line with this policy, and that they are aware of their respective responsibilities in the environment.
4. Train all employees in environmental issues and raise awareness and actively promote the establishment of a clean and healthy environment.
5. Minimise the production of waste and material wastage.
6. Minimise energy wastage by promoting the efficient use of energy, water and other resources.
7. Reduce and/or limit the production of pollutants to water, land and air. All waste will be disposed of under controlled conditions when re-cycling and/or the re-use of the materials is not an available option.
8. Control noise emissions from operations.
9. Minimise risk to the general public and employees from Organisation operations and activities.



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