

Corporate Print Services Environmental Policy

Blackpool Council



Corporate Print Services and the environment

Corporate Print Services currently operates as a trading account within Blackpool Services on a non-profit making basis for the good of public services and does not aim to over or under-recover its costs within a financial year.

The service offers a full Document, Graphics and Printing Service. Products such as business cards, letterheads, envelopes, brochures, booklets, business forms, posters, catalogues and labels are manufactured and delivered on a timely and cost effective basis.

Our statement

Through our activities, products and services, we recognise that we have many different impacts on the environment. We are committed to continual improvement in our environmental performance and in the prevention of pollution.

- To this end, all our team will be made aware of their personal responsibility in improving environmental performance and we will provide them with the appropriate training and resources to achieve this.
- We are committed to selecting our suppliers using environmental criteria and will continue to support our customers in reducing their environmental impact, particularly through promoting the use of recycled papers, in line with the Governments white paper "Waste Strategy 2000", in that ALL paper should contain a minimum of 75% recycled content.
- We will not knowingly trade with any organisation whose activities continue to be the source of environmental concerns and we will endeavour to reduce the use of road transport, by careful planning of orders and deliveries.

Printing is a business in which many resources are used and sadly many are used only once.

Fortunately printing is also a business where customers and printers have many choices about their purchases. At CPS we are committed to a partnership approach to ensure that these choices we have, mean that the environmental damage from your print project can be reduced substantially.

The choices that we make or work with you to make:

- Use recycled papers where possible;
- If new papers are selected we can work with customers to ensure that they are supplied from assured sources - so we know where the trees that made the pulp came from and that the pulp was produced efficiently with a non-toxic effluent;
- We ensure that vegetable oil based inks are used, which are virtually VOC (volatile organic compound) free;
- We sort all waste and ensure that only domestic type waste is sent for landfill, all other waste is recycled or sent for specialist disposal;
- Road transport is carefully planned. Customers are encouraged to plan their requirements to avoid last minute dedicated journeys;
- Continue to support "Trees For Life", restoring the Caledonian Forest;
- Support Carbon capture programme in partnership with Premier Paper and the Woodland Trust
- Scrap paper is recycled into free note pads;
- Reusable boxes are available where the boxes are collected by our drivers for re-use;
- IT Printer Consumables are collected from our customers and forwarded to "Redeem PLC", who recycle them and provide funds towards the Mayor's Local Charities;
- Work in partnership with Environmental Services, who are committed to reducing Landfill by boosting Blackpool's recycling levels with the introduction of different coloured wheeled bins to most households;
- Encourage users of printers and copiers to print double sided wherever possible and to only print what they actually require.

Objectives

- To ensure compliance with all current environmental legislation;
- To minimise consumption of all raw materials used, including water, fuel and energy;
- To minimise waste in production and packaging and ensure that any waste generated is labelled, stored and disposed of correctly and where possible recycled;
- To reduce the amount of solvents and other hazardous chemicals in the workplace and/or atmosphere;
- To provide safe, clean and hygienic working conditions;
- To reduce noise levels to lowest levels practicable for employees and members of the public;
- To co-ordinate deliveries and sales calls to reduce transport costs and energy;
- To develop systems for the responsible purchase, development, operation and maintenance of plant and associated processes to reflect the principles above;
- To ensure that the management, staff and sub-contractors understand and comply with this policy;
- To communicate environmental awareness in our staff through regular briefings and training where required;
- To periodically review and revise this policy.

CPS Environmental Projects

- CPS continue to support the Trees for Life Project
- Carbon Capture programme support
- Continue to meet ISO 9001:2008 standards
- Staff have attended a training Seminar for ISO 14001 Appreciation and Interpretation
- Staff have attended an Environmental Awareness Seminar, covering topics such as, Recycling, Energy Efficiency/ Fuel Poverty, Environmental Issues/Local Agenda 21 and Sustainable Transport
- Staff have undertaken FSC/PEFC training
- All chemicals used by CPS undergo a complete COSHH assessment
- The print stock we use is recycled and has a content of 70% post consumer waste minimum stock that is FSC/PEFC accredited
- Utilizing vegetable oil based inks on our Litho presses and have eliminated chemicals from the plate making process
- Used ink tins and plates are recycled
- Waste paper is recycled and made into scrap pads
- Off cuts from trimmed print work is sent for recycling
- Continuing to work towards ISO 14001 Certification
- Promotion and use of recycled products

**Environmental protection
'is everyone's responsibility'**



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