

Recycling Matters

Manchester's newsletter on business waste and recycling issues

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Introducing Olusola



The Waste and Recycling team now has a dedicated officer leading on Business Recycling, so please give a warm welcome to Olusola Omole.

Olusola brings a good mix of business experience to the team, having worked for himself, for the Inland Revenue, Groundwork and Manchester City Council.

But as well as his understanding of business, Olusola is a keen environmental conservationist; an interest he developed growing up in Nigeria, while helping his father at the family's four hectares of cereal plantation and processing plant, where a large conservation project encouraged biodiversity.

Working closely with the Council's Environmental Business Pledge team, Olusola is keen to help Manchester companies make the best decisions about waste and recycling for their business, for their premises and for their staff. He said: "Businesses large and small can have a big impact upon our city's carbon footprint: managing waste efficiently to maximise how much of it can be recycled is one of the most effective ways to make a difference, so I'm here to help your business get it right."

We'll include more information in our next issue of Recycling Matters, but for now, you can email Olusola with any business recycling queries at o.omole@manchester.gov.uk

Buy recycled!

Do you already buy any recycled products for your workplace? There's certainly plenty of choice – you could buy recycled paper for printing, or recycled loo rolls for your staff washroom. You could even 'buy recycled' when you order promotional pens or pencils!

There's a wide range of recycled stationery available, and you can have items printed with your choice of artwork or message, which might also say what recycled goods the stationery has been made from: recycled plastic cups, polystyrene, car tyres, crisp packets, circuit boards and paper are examples of what can be used for pens and pencils.

Why not ask your regular supplier about which recycled products they stock and consider choosing the more sustainable option? It doesn't need to cost more to buy recycled, and often, recycled goods are cheaper than their less sustainable equivalent!

Please feel free to forward this newsletter to your Manchester-based business associates.

Recycled... Recyclable... Ethical... Sustainable

Which do you choose?

What's the best option?

It's down to you – your company may have a particular focus or a mission statement that takes you along a particular theme, but what's the difference between these? They all sound eco-friendly, but how do you choose which is best for your business?

Here's a handy glossary of some of the terms you might read – they might help you decide which direction your business wants to take.

Biodegradable:

Able to decay naturally and harmlessly. Biodegradable products and packaging help to limit the amount of harmful chemicals released into the atmosphere.

Ethical:

Adhering to ethical and moral principles (eg. what seems ethical and right) and conforming to accepted standards of social or professional behaviour.



Fairtrade:

Trade carried on under a licensed Fairtrade agreement: trade that makes sure the producer receives a fair price.

Locally sourced:

Produced (made, grown or farmed) reasonably locally. Something that has not had to be transported a long way to its point of sale.

Organic:

Strict regulations define what organic farmers can and cannot do – and

these place a strong emphasis on the protection of wildlife and the environment.



Soil Association



Recyclable:

Can be recycled.



Recycled:

Having been used before and then processed so that it becomes a new product. For paper, look out for the National Association of Paper Merchants.

Recycling:

The process that paper, glass, plastic etc is put through so that it can be used again.

Sustainable:

Able to continue over a period of time. Causing little or no damage to the environment and therefore, more lasting.

The increase in sales of recycled, biodegradable, organic and sustainable materials, Fairtrade or ethically produced products and non-polluting technology is saving the environment in many ways. Fewer raw materials are being mined, less waste or discarded material is going to landfill, and fewer workers are being exploited.

The changes you make to your buying patterns may seem small, but cumulatively the changes each of us implement will make a huge difference.

FareShare

Talking of leftovers, the massive amounts of surplus that the food industry creates is being tackled nationally by a charity called FareShare. They've been redistributing surplus food from the food industry to community organisations for 15 years and now contribute food to over 500 charities across the UK.

In Manchester, the franchise operation is being run by Emerge Food, a subsidiary of Emerge 3Rs, and supports the No Good Food Should Be Wasted campaign, as well as WRAP's Love Food Hate Waste. The aim is to ensure that fit-for-purpose food from the food industry is not sent to landfill.

FareShare Manchester receive surplus food from supermarkets and food manufacturers, including Sainsbury's, Nestlé and Robert Wiseman Dairies. The food is then redistributed to local charities that support individuals in need, such as sheltered housing units and day centres like the Cornerstone Day Centre in Moss Side and The Booth Centre in the city centre. FareShare Manchester are always keen to hear from potential donors, beneficiaries and/or volunteers, so if you'd like to get involved, contact Paul Beswick (paul@emergemanchester.co.uk or **0161 223 8200**)



Business focus – Taurus



An award-winning bar and restaurant at the Courts end of Canal Street, Taurus has been feeding and watering its clientele since 2001.

Despite having a considerably lower capacity than some of its neighbouring bars and clubs, the small but perfectly formed business punches well above its weight, largely due to the campaigning efforts of owner Iain Scott.

Iain feels strongly about the environment – both local and global – and this is reflected in his business. As one of the founder members of The Village Business Association, Iain has led by example in separating Taurus's recyclable rubbish and consistently urging his neighbouring businesses to do likewise. The company's commitment has been

recognised time and again by the Village community as well as a number of local environmental awards, such as North West Water's Waterside Regeneration Award.

At Taurus, all the cardboard and glass is recycled and – as any food and drink establishment will know – there's a lot of that! Bottles and cardboard make up the bulk of the business's waste, so recycling it all makes a big impact in reducing how much waste goes to landfill.

In addition, all the oil from the Taurus kitchen's deep fat fryer gets recycled: it's collected by Timperley firm Spades Waste Oil and turned into biofuel. And with the focus on the kitchen, the next big recycling tick on Iain's list is food waste, because even award-winning restaurants have leftovers to dispose of!

Have you signed up to the Environmental Business Pledge?

The Environmental Business Pledge is a free advice and reward scheme developed by Manchester City Council, in partnership with Groundwork, to support Manchester businesses in reducing their environmental footprint.

Already signed up?

We've made some small changes to the award criteria to improve the scheme and bring it all up to date. You'll need to make sure that you meet these new judging standards for your existing award before you can achieve the next level, or by the end of March 2010 to maintain your current award, so please get in touch to find out more.



Environmental
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For further information on the new criteria, or to sign up to the EBP and receive a free energy-efficiency audit, call **0161 953 2734** or email **s.teague@manchester.gov.uk**

Directory

Because it's not always easy to find a contractor, we've put together a small directory of companies we know of that undertake various contracts for collecting and

disposing of your company's waste and recycling. These are not recommendations, and there are other companies you might prefer – check the Yellow Pages for more.

Company name	Address	Product collected and recycled	Contact/phone number	Collection frequency
Canon Confidential	Fairhills Industrial Estate, Irlam, Manchester M44 6ZQ	Cardboard, Electrical Equipment, Glass, Paper, Plastics, Wood	Brian Bersantile 0161 777 4955 www.ocs.co.uk	Fortnightly
Copak Services	8 St Mawes Court, Radcliffe, Manchester M26 3TS	Cardboard, Construction, Electrical Equipment, Food Waste, Garden Waste, Glass, Paper, Plastic, Wood	Jim Howley 0161 724 8145	As required
Computer Waste	Unit 7, Winthrop Avenue, Queens Road, Collyhurst, Manchester M40 7UQ	Computer Base Units; Printers, Copiers, Toner Cartridges, TFT, Monitors, Phone, Mobiles, other Computer Equipment	0161 205 9400 www.computer-waste.co.uk	As required
Biffa Waste Services	Bradford Road, Eynesbury, St Neots, Cambridgeshire PE19 2SR	Cardboard, Paper, Glass	Lee Palombo 01480 472 648	As required
Emerge Recycling	Units E1 and E4 New Smithfield Market, Whitworth Street, Manchester M11 2WJ	Cardboard, Glass, Electrical Equipment, Paper, Plastic	Anthony Quinn 0161 223 8200	As required
Elsa Waste Paper	Units 1–3, Station Road, Station Road Industrial Estate, Reddish, Stockport SK5 6ND	Cardboard, Paper, Plastic	Greg or Cynthia Humphreys 0161 432 3894 www.elsarecycle.co.uk	As required
Enterprise Manchester	Hammerstone Road, Gorton, Manchester M18 8EQ	Cardboard, Paper, Glass, Plastic Bottles, Electrical Equipment, Furniture, Cans, Skips	Craig Robinson 0161 957 8311 craig.robinson@enterprisemanchester.co.uk	As required
Donelan Trading Ltd	Tower Road, Darwen, Lancs BB3 2DU	Paper, Wood	Andrew Donelan 01254 873 873	As required
County Plastic Ltd	Barnfield Mill, Union Street, Tyldesley, Manchester M29 8AR	Plastics. Covers wide range grade, quality or contaminated. Minimum one tonne	Duncan Guy 01942 877 680	As required
Cory Environmental Ltd	Central Support Office, Riverside, London SE7 7SS	Tetrapak, Plastic Bottles and Mixed Plastics, Cans (non-contaminated), WEEE, Foil, Waxed Paper Cups, Toner Cartridges	Tom Morton 08700 274 565	As required
Data IQ Recycling	Unit 1, Aldermoss Industrial Estate, Water Street, Stockport SK1 2BL	Electrical Equipment (20 or more items)	Phil Stevens 0845 612 5111	As required