

# **GREEN WORLD RECYCLING LTD ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

## **Overview**

Green World Recycling Ltd is committed to raising funds for environmental projects in developing countries.

This is the part of the world where the natural environment is most at risk from the effects of climate change.

As well as supporting these projects GWR Ltd also recognises its responsibility to operate according to appropriate environmental standards. GWR Ltd Environmental Policy is to operate in an efficient manner and to minimise adverse environmental impact.

## **Transport**

Collection of shoes/ textiles from containers constitutes the majority of GWR Ltd staff hours.

The placing of containers, carrying out repairs to containers and responding to any call outs also involve road usage.

It is absolutely essential that this work is carried out with the maximum possible fuel efficiency.

In order to achieve this the following rules are applied:

- It is GWR Ltd policy to open local depots in the regions where we operate our textile collections.
- Driver routes are regularly updated to ensure greater efficiency.
- Drivers are instructed in fuel saving driving techniques.
- Vehicles are of recent registration and are kept in excellent order (servicing, tyres etc.)
- GWR Ltd fleet includes vehicles of varying sizes. Usage is carefully managed to ensure that the vehicle used never too large for the job.
- All vehicles fitted with trackers to ensure routes, speed limits etc. are adhered to.

## **Waste minimisation**

Some of the public see GWR Ltd containers as being receptacles for anything they no longer need.

This means we get all sorts of non-confirming items in certain of our containers.

It is GWR policy to treat these materials responsibly:

- Any items such as paper, cans, bottles which have been placed in the wrong container are placed in the correct recycling container so they do not enter the waste stream.
- Any non-required textile items such as duvets/ blankets/ towels are re-used whenever possible.
- Items such as books, bric-a-brac are returned to the depot and then donated to charity shops.
- Anything of no value that is non-recyclable is returned to the depot and disposed of according to Waste Regulations.

## **Office supplies**

It is important that the administration side of GWR Ltd has a minimal environmental impact.

- Correspondence is done via email where possible and all important documents and records are stored on our Dropbox Business account.
- Emails are preferably not printed out.
- All paper and cardboard is recycled.
- All ink cartridges are recycled.

## **Other measures**

- Electricity use is monitored.
- Energy saving lightbulbs are used.
- Lights/ heaters are not left on unnecessarily.
- Warehouse shutters are to be closed during winter months to retain heat.

## **Continuous improvement**

- GWR Ltd is aware that environmental impact needs to be regularly monitored and reviewed.
- All staff are to be made aware of the importance of GWR Ltd environmental policies.
- Environmental impact issues are raised and considered at staff meetings.
- Whenever possible GWR Ltd deal with companies which operates to similar standards.

GWR Ltd Environmental Policy is reviewed/ updated annually.

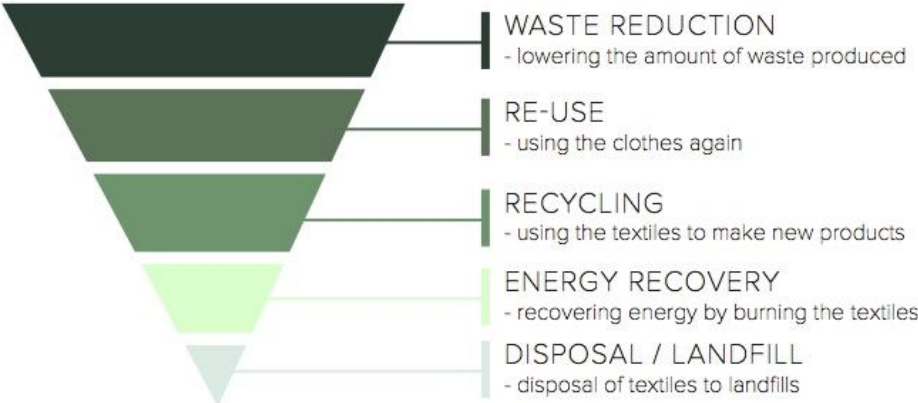
We comply with the waste management hierarchies set in the EU waste framework directive (2008/98/EU).

The waste hierarchy established priorities in waste prevention and management legislation and policy:

- a) Prevention,
- b) Preparing for re-use,
- c) Recycling,
- d) Other recover, e.g. energy recovery,
- e) Disposal.

**THE WASTE PYRAMID – A GUIDELINE FOR OUR COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

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## **Other Recyclable Materials**

Our banks often contain small amounts of other recyclables such as bottles, cans or paper. Presumably these have been brought to the recycling site by members of the public with the best of intentions but they have not managed to place them in the correct container. Prior to returning to the depot it is the responsibility of our drivers to remove any such materials on site and deposit them in the appropriate recycling bank under the framework of proximity principle.