

Five Ways to Improve Business Recycling

Our research shows that many SMEs want to start recycling but are not clear where to begin. With businesses being asked to do more with less, it's understandable that waste management can slip down the to-do list.

Here's some simple changes everyone can try:

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Start with one material and build from there

Recycling doesn't have to be an all or nothing enterprise, you can start with one material to test and learn how you get on. If there is a particular recyclable material you find filling up your general waste bin, then that's a good place to start. This can reduce bin size in the early stages, as you assess the benefits.



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Find space to recycle inside the building

Waste is usually associated with the back of a building where collections are made. Try bringing parts of the process inside, like sorting and storage. If you're using smaller bins for some or all of your recycling, bring them inside or closer to the back door.



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Make it simple for people to recycle at a glance

Time is a premium to any small business; you want to be spending your time doing the things that provide a direct return. Introduce clear signage around the bins, including symbols to make it easy for colleagues and customers to engage in recycling. Try putting your general waste and recycling bins next to one another with unobstructed access.



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Separate recycling to cut costs

The most common myth by SMEs for not starting to recycle is that it's too expensive. The reality is that you can actually reduce costs as most waste management companies price their services by weight. If you are disposing of all your materials in general waste bins, separating out recyclable materials will reduce the weight of your collections. Depending on materials and volumes, this can potentially reduce costs.



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Book a free waste audit to get you started

If you are one of the many businesses out there looking to make a change, we can help. Get insight from a waste expert by booking an audit.

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