



**ZERO  
WASTE  
AWARDS**

# ENTRY CRITERIA

## **1** INTRODUCTION

How much of your waste is repurposed for recycling? (include materials, volumes and percentages and consider the different streams, recycling rate, any difficult waste streams). Where is your waste produced and where is it sent for recycling and processing processed? Have you been engaging and collaborating with key stakeholders to deliver Zero Waste to Landfill? (External communication, encouraging and persuading customers or suppliers and the public to prevent unnecessary waste). What have been the environmental benefits of your recycling / composting efforts?

## **2** WASTE PREVENTION AND MINIMISATION

Describe what you have been doing in terms of internal communication? (encouraging and persuading staff to prevent unnecessary waste?). Have your premises, products and processes been designed in a way to ensure waste arisings are minimised? (hiring over buying, keeping products for longer, using less hazardous material?). Are you actively developing green procurement processes, or working with your supply chain to change the way products reach your sites? How much material have you displaced and what are the environmental benefits of this?

## **3** REUSE

What materials and products are being reused? (include volumes and percentages if possible. Think of those coming in, going out and currently in the business). Any other activities that involve reuse of materials? (Maintenance, cleaning, repairing, refurbishing etc. Whole items and spare parts?). What policies and procurement processes are you using to drive more reuse? How much raw material has been displaced and what carbon / social benefits have been delivered from your reuse activities?

## **4** RECYCLING

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## **5** ENERGY & RECOVERY

Are you recovering energy from your waste? (Is any of your waste sent to anaerobic digestion or gasification facilities). Do you recover energy on site for heating / cooling? Are your wastes going to treatment facilities for producing vehicle fuels or other innovative new products and are you using them in your business? (closing the loop).

## **6** GENERAL

Can you describe any areas where your waste has moved up the waste hierarchy? What investments have you made to deliver your waste programme? (Please consider both financial and non financial) Describe the benefits that have been achieved as a result of your waste programme. (Lower disposal costs, rebates on materials, environmental benefits etc.) What more are you hoping to do in the future?

**QUESTIONS?**

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