

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1 THE OPENING STATEMENT

This document sets out the environmental policy of Maldon Building Services (referred to hereafter as “the Company”).

The Company’s core business – building and renovation work - includes such activities as piling, concreting, groundworks to create foundations, tiling and roofing, brickwork, electrical work, plumbing, decoration, plastering and glazing, and using site vehicles such as diggers and dumpers. These activities can result in a variety of adverse effects on the environment, including (amongst others) damage resulting from excavation work, the production of waste materials, and the generation of noise and dust. The renovation work also has the potential to release or disturb hazardous substances such as asbestos.

The aim of the policy is to encourage staff at all levels to help to improve the Company’s environmental performance. The policy will be subject to revision as the result of factors such as environmental and other legislation, customer and supplier demand, product development, new information and changes in working practices.

By developing this policy, it is the Company’s intention to make clear our commitment to continuous improvement of our environmental performance, preventing pollution and reducing the environmental impact of our business activities.

We will at all times strive to act in accordance with relevant environmental legislation, codes of practice and regulations, regarding these as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

2 SPECIFIC POLICIES

2.1 Resource use

The Company will seek to address its impact on the environment through the adoption of a sustainable procurement policy. We will conserve resources through efficient use, careful planning and good housekeeping.

2.2 Energy use

The Company will use environmentally safe and sustainable energy sources to meet our needs. Wherever possible, we will conserve energy through efficient use, careful planning and scheduled maintenance.

2.3 Purchasing

Where possible, only those suppliers that can demonstrate commitment to good environmental practices will be selected. When practical, products made from recycled materials or sustainable resources will be chosen in favour of those made from non-recycled materials.

2.4 Transportation

Wherever possible, we will co-ordinate route planning and delivery schedules thereby reducing both fuel consumption and exhaust emissions. Delivery personnel will also be made aware of good driving practices.

2.5 The supply chain

We will work with our suppliers to ensure they recognise and reduce the environmental impact of their products and transportation.

2.6 Disposal of waste/ waste management

We will minimise waste, especially hazardous waste, and whenever possible recycle materials, packaging etc. We will dispose of all waste through safe and responsible methods. Hazardous waste will be disposed of in accordance with COSHH guidelines, or, when appropriate, by a specialist contractor.

2.7 Recycling

The Company maintains that a primary part of its corporate environmental strategy is sustainable waste management and as such recognises its responsibilities to recycle materials wherever possible.

2.8 Emissions

The Company is committed to reducing emissions arising from its business activities.

2.9 Training of personnel

We will implement our environmental policy through guidelines and training.

3 COMMUNICATION OF THE POLICY CONTENTS

The Company will communicate its environmental policy in the following way:

- It will be included in staff inductions.
- A copy of the policy will be displayed in the health and safety policy.
- Copies will be available to staff, suppliers and customers.

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