

4 stages to reduce your cost of waste management and disposal.

Business waste is a significant chunk of the 290 million tonnes of waste the UK generates in a year. This 4-stage guide will help you to think about managing your waste more effectively.

Stage 1 Know your waste

Firstly, you need to understand what types of waste you produce. This can come in many forms:



Stage 2 Applying the waste hierarchy



As the disposal cost of waste continues to increase a new model has been created to support businesses. The nearer the top of this waste hierarchy, the better your resource efficiency.



Stage 3 Know your legal responsibilities

There are many legislative measures in place to safely manage the waste you produce. Guidance is available from statutory and industry bodies.

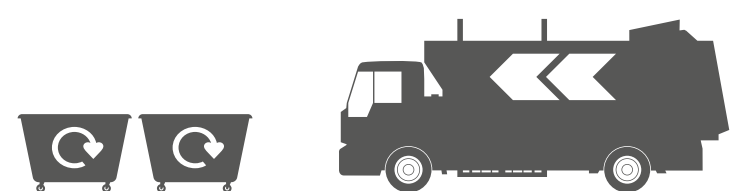
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Stage 4 The six steps to reducing waste costs

- Step 1**
Identify how much waste your company is generating and the costs involved.
- Step 2**
Use industry guides and good practice examples to compare your performance with others in your sector.
- Step 3**
On your site, see where waste is being generated and make a plan of action for senior management.
- Step 4**
When you have management buy-in, co-ordinate the necessary resources for implementing a waste minimisation strategy.
- Step 5**
Take action: use your plan to engage staff in your waste reduction measures.
- Step 6**
Recognise your achievements and feed them back to staff and senior management.



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