

TOP TIPS TO HELP YOUR RESTAURANT, CAFE OR TAKEAWAY WASTE LESS AND SAVE MONEY

WASTE CAN COST A BUSINESS UP TO 4% OF THEIR ANNUAL TURNOVER AND IT CAN BE REDUCED TO ONLY 1% OF TURNOVER WITH VERY LITTLE EFFORT!



The cost of disposing of your businesses waste is rising, so by reducing your waste, you can save your business money. Waste sent to landfill for example, is subject to landfill tax, the cost of which today is more than 12 times what it was in 1996!

DID YOU KNOW?

83.7% of consumers said that ethical and sustainable criteria had been a deciding factor in their choice of dining destination. By putting in place measures to reduce waste you could gain a competitive advantage!

All businesses have a legal duty of care to dispose of their waste responsibly.

If you don't comply with the legislation you could be held responsible and have to pay a fine. To find out more contact the Environment Agency or the trade waste service at your local council.



TOP TIPS

Our three top tips to reduce your business waste and save you money:

Top Tip 1: Reduce

- Ensure food with shorter use-by dates is used/sold first. If possible, prepare food to order rather than in advance
- Offer a choice of portion sizes
- Promote 'doggie bags'
- Request reusable, recyclable or recycled packaging from your supplier
- Do not over-package take-away items
- Bulk buy non-perishable produce to reduce unnecessary packaging
- Ask before giving customers carrier bags and disposable cutlery

Top Tip 2: Reuse

- Serve sauces and vinegar in refillable containers
- Use washable fabric table cloths, rather than paper ones
- Refill glass bottles or jugs for water instead of selling bottled water
- Use concentrated cleaning products in refillable containers

Top Tip 3: Recycle

If you have items that cannot be dealt with by either of the other two top tips then you can:

- Talk to your waste contractor or your council about recycling and food waste collections
- Consider composting uncooked vegetable peelings in a compost bin
- Have your used cooking oil collected and turned into an eco-friendly biofuel

Close the loop

Buy re-used, refurbished or recycled products – these are cheaper and help to stimulate markets for the materials we recycle.



Where to find help

There are lots of different agencies that provide help, advice and support to businesses. For a full list visit **wiseuptowaste.org.uk/businesses**

Local council contacts

For more information and advice on recycling collections, contact your local council.

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