

Environmental Policy

It is the policy of Rapid Action Packaging UK & Ireland (RAP):-

- To assess and, where possible reduce to the minimum the environmental effects of our activities.
- To minimize the environmental effects of material sourcing:
 - by evaluating the environmental performance of our suppliers
 - by encouraging our customers to specify environmentally responsible materials (where available)
 - by minimizing consumption
 - by use of materials that have minimum environmental impact
- To minimize waste and consumption of fuel and energy.
- To foster a sense of responsibility for the environment amongst our staff.
- To minimise waste:
 - by use of efficient production processes
 - minimization of start up and changeover time
 - minimizing or substituting materials during start up
 - recycling, re-reusing or re-covering any waste or disposing of in an environmentally responsible manner.
- To implement and maintain management systems to detect and correct any deviations from our Environment Policy, Objectives and Targets.
- To ensure we are able to detect and, where possible, prevent pollution through accidental emissions or effluent discharges.
- To ensure that our management, staff and contractors act in accordance with this Environmental Policy.
- To ensure compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.

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RAP Environmental Policy Details

Our internal management programme identified those business issues which would have a significant impact upon the environment, both locally and on a wider scale and we have implemented a range of objectives and targets to minimize them.

One of our environment issues is the use of paperboard for all our cartons. Paperboard is produced from trees and millions are felled each year to satisfy world demand, not only for printing or writing paper, but also for other packaging and wood products.

Forests are a sustainable resource if they are managed well; planting always matching or exceeding felling, protected areas and species acknowledged and preserved and biodiversity maintained. Paper and Board produced using wood from sustainably managed forests are available worldwide and RAP sources only from those mills that have suitable sourcing policies. In particular, RAP recognizes FSC and PEFC as respected forest management schemes and has Chain of Custody Accreditation to supply paper and board from suitable sources under these programmes. Paper and Board can only be sourced from other sources upon suitable evidence that the wood used is from legal and ethical forest sources.

By evaluating our suppliers we have been able to establish that our raw materials come exclusively from managed, sustainable forests, where regular planting takes place. By purchasing raw materials produced only from sustainable forests, we can make a contribution through our business activities to ensure that virgin forests remain untouched.

Material Reduction

We design our products not only to be practical for their function but also to have minimum impact on the environment.

We endeavor to use the lightest weight boards, thinnest plastic lining materials and minimum product footprint to reduce use of both renewable and non-renewable materials to the minimum.

Packing and transport is made using the optimum packing specification to minimize the amount of secondary packaging and transport required to deliver our products.

Waste Management

The printing and production of folding cartons and paper/film laminates inevitably means that we also produce waste from the various processes. All this waste is carefully collected in large compactors and taken for recycling, some of which will find its way back into the paperboard we purchase.

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Recycling

We use only virgin paper and board materials as part of our food packaging hygiene standards that demand that there must be absolutely no possibility of contamination from the packaging materials.

However, we ensure that the amount of non-recyclable materials in our products is minimized and seek to ensure the majority of our packaging products are widely recycled.

We are constantly looking for ways of reducing waste production and improving our waste management processes, thereby reducing our impact on the environment as well as reducing costs.

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