

TIPS TO CONTROL YOUR COSTS AND REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Make sure your waste service is fit for purpose. You should check your waste containers regularly to make sure you are using their full volume and that the right waste types are going in the correct containers. Recycling is better for the environment and it usually costs less. ODS, on top of a general waste service, provides mixed, glass, food, and card recycling. We can also provide more specialised waste services such as skips, WEEE and hazardous or infectious waste where required.

It sounds simple, but is it waste?

We follow 'The 3 Rs' method at ODS:

REDUCE

Reduce the amount of waste and recycle you place in bins. This is by far the **cheapest** and **most carbon friendly** way to deal with waste:

- Speak to your suppliers about delivering less packaging into your business. Transit packaging, such as card, shrink wrap, pallets and polystyrene form a high percentage of a business's waste
- Can you swap disposable items for permanent ones, such as paper cups for ceramic mug?

REUSE

Can you reuse items instead of throwing them away? This saves processing costs and reduces your carbon footprint.

- Can you reuse a delivery box again?
- Have you printed something you didn't need to or no longer need? If it doesn't contain sensitive information, why not use the other side for note paper?

RECYCLE

Recycling something is cheaper than throwing it in general waste and doing so helps to lower your carbon footprint.



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- Card and paper can be recycled **up to seven times** and glass can be recycled infinitely
- **You can recycle paper, plastics AND metals.** Unlike most of our competitors, ODS has a very broad collection specification for its mixed recycling - we allow all paper and card, glass, tetra packs (liquid cartons), and all plastic packaging. This can increase recycling capture by up to 35%
- Heavy bins? This is often caused by food or glass in your waste. **Recycling food and glass is cheaper than using general waste**, so make sure you recycle it. It is also better for the environment, reduces your carbon footprint and food recycling itself is likely to become a legal requirement next year
- Plenty of space on your site? If we are servicing your site multiple times per week on a low number of containers, you can reduce your carbon footprint by **increasing containers on site and reducing collection frequency**. In some circumstances, we may be able to offer a cost saving in this situation

Did you know it will be mandatory to recycle food waste next year?

Get a head start now. Food waste can have a big impact on your carbon footprint

- Do you have the right sized containers on site? **The larger the containers, the more cost effective they are.** If we were emptying a 240ltr four times a week for you, we would only need to empty an 1100ltr once a week - a significant cost saving to you and a reduction in your carbon footprint
- Is your business seasonal? If you know you experience varying demands on your business at different times of the year, make sure to **flex your waste collection frequency** accordingly
- Do you use sacks? **Make sure you don't use our liveried sacks for internal bin liners.** Please use cheaper, clear plastic sacks to line your internal bins, then place them into your ODS sack
- Sometimes items such as balers or compactors don't always offer the best value for money. Call us to discuss your needs and we can provide guidance on the best option for you

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FURTHER WAYS WE ARE SUPPORTING YOU:

-  Proactively contacting customers where our data suggests cheaper and more environmentally ways of managing waste
-  Implementation of a new operating system to keep our routes efficient and mileage down
-  We are currently rolling out a new customer portal to allow you to access collecting and weight data
-  Securing long-term waste disposal contracts to reduce unforeseen cost increases
-  Electric fleet to reduce carbon footprint and Scope 3 carbon contributions
-  Alternative fuel sources for collections where EVs are a viable replacement

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