



START YOUR JOURNEY TO BETTER RECYCLING WITH A WASTE WALK

Looking to cut waste management costs and give your sustainability credentials a boost? Implementing a multi-stream recycling system in your facility could do just that. But how can you identify the areas in which improvements will make a high impact?

With budgets tight and multiple areas generating different types of waste, selecting the right solutions for your business can seem a daunting task. From your main warehouses, to staff break rooms and canteens, this guide will show you how conducting a 'waste walk' at your facility can help you assess the needs of each area and identify opportunities to reap the benefits of improved recycling.

OUR TOP TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL WASTE WALK



1. Use the printable checklist on the next pages to record your findings. Take plenty of notes and photos as you go.



2. Start by listing all the areas in your facility that need to be audited. Mark key waste generation and collection points on a venue map.



3. Plan the audit during a typical busy period to get an accurate representation of waste generation. In each area, look for common items, noting the type and volume of waste.



4. Speak with your employees in each area to understand their perspectives on waste generation and management. Their frontline experience can provide valuable insights.



5. Keep track of your recycling rates and cost savings so you can demonstrate the tangible impact of your recycling improvements to stakeholders and celebrate them with your team.

THE WASTE WALK CHECKLIST

The big picture	
Where in your facility are you generating and collecting waste?	
What waste streams are you collecting currently?	
What is your current recycling rate?	
How much are you spending on waste collection?	
How many sites and staff do you have?	
Are you complying with current and upcoming commercial recycling laws?	
Who is your current waste collection provider?	

Warehouse	
What types of waste are being generated in this area?	
Are you collecting relevant recyclable waste here?	
Are your bins conveniently located for users?	
Is it easy for people to identify which waste can be recycled and where? Think about colour coding, signage and consistency?	
Are your bins easy for users and cleaning teams to operate?	

Office spaces

What types of waste are being generated in this area?	
Are you collecting relevant recyclable waste here?	
Are your bins conveniently located for users?	
Is it easy for people to identify which waste can be recycled and where? Think about colour coding, signage and consistency?	
Are your bins easy for users and cleaning teams to operate?	

Canteens

What types of waste are being generated in this area?	
Are you collecting relevant recyclable waste here?	
Are your bins conveniently located for users?	
Is it easy for people to identify which waste can be recycled and where? Think about colour coding, signage and consistency?	
Are your bins easy for users and cleaning teams to operate?	

Staff break rooms

What types of waste are being generated in this area?	
Are you collecting relevant recyclable waste here?	

Are your bins conveniently located for users?	
Is it easy for people to identify which waste can be recycled and where? Think about colour coding, signage and consistency?	
Are you bins easy for users and cleaning teams to operate?	

Others

What types of waste are being generated in this area?	
Are you collecting relevant recyclable waste here?	
Are your bins conveniently located for users?	
Is it easy for people to identify which waste can be recycled and where? Think about colour coding, signage and consistency?	
Are you bins easy for users and cleaning teams to operate?	

Doing it together

How much compliance is there currently? Are people recycling their waste?	
Would your team benefit from recycling training?	
Do your employees understand why improving sustainability is important to your organisation and how they can contribute?	