



Reducing Packaging Waste 2019

Reducing packaging waste is an important priority for Waterloo Air Products and is highlighted in our Environmental Policy.

(www.waterloo.co.uk/download/certification/our-environmental-policy.pdf)

Control environment

We operate well-established controls that monitor the waste we create including:

- Waste Management - Duty of Care document which ensures waste is kept safely and disposed of correctly;
- Clear documentation for Waste Control Documents;
- All waste collections are monitored;
- All packaging consumption is measured; and
- All waste streams are documented

Waterloo has been ISO 14001 accredited for the last 10 years. All our packaging consumption is declared through Valpak, the UK's leading provider of environmental compliance services (www.valpak.com).

Results

Since 2017, we have seen absolute and proportional reductions in the levels of packaging used with an overall decrease of over 5% to 52 tonnes. The most positive changes can be seen in the reduction of our use of paper and polystyrene based products.

Recent investment in packing machinery has delivered higher material yields and enabled a reduction in shrink wrap material usage as a result of changing our material weight from 100 to 80 microns.

Future plans

In 2019, we have set several waste reduction initiatives:

- Source environmentally friendly packaging products;
- Create an office recycling zone; and
- Reduce the level of plastic that Waterloo consumes.