

GREEN / ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Bluepoint is acutely aware of its legal and moral responsibilities towards the environment and it recognises that all operations have an impact on carbon emissions, global warming etc.

It also recognises that everyone has a part to play in making the planet greener and cleaner.

The following policies and procedures will ensure the conservation of natural resources whilst minimising any adverse environmental impact from its operations:

1. Disposal of all waste must be done in a manner that will not cause pollution in any form and, having first decided whether any item can be re-used, all waste will then be separated for disposal, to allow the best chance of re-cycling. If necessary and where any doubt occurs, specialist contractors will be consulted.
2. All site waste will be dealt with in accordance with the Principal Contractor's Site Waste Management Plan, if applicable. Where such does not exist, disposal will be carried out in accordance with any procedures for that site and in accordance with current legislation and in a way that maximises re-cycling and ensures safe disposal of all items.
3. Where possible, on the disposal of any electrical equipment (especially computer equipment), if possible it will be donated to a charity whose purpose is to refurbish it and donate it to disadvantaged people. Where this is not possible, it will be taken to a licensed waste disposal facility and not mixed in with other non-recyclable waste.
4. Every site shall consider the environment and through carefully managed procedures, ensure that all dust and noise levels are kept to as low a level as possible.
5. Every site will be kept tidy and clean - good housekeeping is essential in accident prevention as well as good environmental practice, if required.
6. No tap will be left on for longer than reasonably required, or left dripping and any unused water will be re-used usefully, where possible.
7. Where water has been used for cleaning equipment and where it might contain noxious substances, it will not be allowed to run into public sewers but shall be collected and disposed of safely.
8. If more than one employee or sub-contractor is going to (or going near to) a place where others wish to go, use should be made of car-sharing and (if applicable) increased car expenses will be provided to the car owner for this purpose. Where practicable (and particularly on longer journeys), public transport will be used in preference to cars, both for environmental and personal safety considerations.
9. Products purchased will, where possible, be environmentally friendly, re-usable, recyclable and designed not to damage the environment. In the case of all timber purchased it will be taken from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified forests. For staff refreshment purposes, 'Free trade' consumables will be used.
10. All employees and sub-contractors will be made aware of this policy and their responsibilities for environmental issues and will be given suitable training on these aspects.