

# Tayside businesses are not alone in their mission to go green.



Businesses across Tayside are being encouraged and supported to:

- Reduce their waste and save money.
- Generate their own energy using renewable sources.
- Have the competitive edge by achieving environmental accreditation.
- Avoid enforcement, meet environmental legislation requirements.
- Make a local contribution to the climate change agenda.

In Tayside businesses are not alone; there are many bodies out there to help realise these goals.

This environmental supplement provides a summary of the advice and support out there to assist these actions coming true.

**Tayside Environmental Network (TEN)**  
[www.tayside-environmental-network.org.uk](http://www.tayside-environmental-network.org.uk)

The "One Stop Shop providing environmental information to Tayside businesses and organisations", TEN aims to help businesses:

- minimise rising environmental costs
- access free & purchased advice
- develop products & services in the environmental field
- gain a better understanding of environmental issues from a business perspective, in order to become more sustainable and competitive, as well as expand into new markets.

With so much advice and support out there it can be very confusing - "who offers what?" TEN provide online searchable directories to ensure that businesses can access the right advice and support; it provides a co-ordinated approach to environmental information.

Bearing this in mind the steering group consists of the key bodies involved in business support or environmental information in the area – for example all three Tayside Councils: Angus, Dundee City and Perth and Kinross, together with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Enterprise Tayside, Chamber of Commerce, Envirowise, WasteAware Business, Business Environment Partnership, Abertay Centre for the Environment and business representation.

For a comprehensive list of events being run to assist businesses in realising the cost savings from improved environmental awareness visit the TEN website. **For more details email:** [enquiries@tayside-environmental-network.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tayside-environmental-network.org.uk)

## Tayside Local Authority Waste Services

**Angus Council**  
[www.angus.gov.uk](http://www.angus.gov.uk)

If you have a business in Angus and require a waste collection and disposal service a member of the Waste Management section can visit you to give advice on waste minimisation, the range of services which can be offered and details of costs.

They will help complete the application for service which will form the basis for your agreement with the Council for a commercial waste collection and disposal service.

Waste collection services offered by Angus Council include:

- **General waste collection service:** available throughout Angus
- **Segregated glass collection:** available in most areas
- **Cardboard collection:** available within all 7 towns
- **Animal By-Products service:** specific products service: available throughout Angus

General waste collections are made from 240l bins (standard household bin size) or 1280l large metal bins. All waste should be bagged and contained within a bin, and only bins that display a valid "paid for" sticker will

be emptied. Collection frequencies or collection days available may vary between areas.

Recycling centres are also provided in each town in Angus and these centres may also be used by commercial traders to dispose of recyclable, general and other commercial wastes, with charges applying where appropriate.

In addition, there are free "wood" skips at Arbroath, Forfar, Monifieth & Montrose recycling centres (not for hardboard, plyboard or chipboard).

All seven main towns of Angus have manned recycling centres:

- **Arbroath:** Cairnie Loan, DD11 4DS
- **Brechin:** Commerce Street, DD9 7BD
- **Carnoustie:** Balmachie Road, DD7 7ST
- **Forfar:** Queenswell Road, DD8 3JA
- **Kirriemuir:** Bellies Brae, DD8 4EB
- **Monifieth:** Riverview Drive, DD5 4NH
- **Montrose:** Broomfield Road, DD10 8SY

**Dundee City Council**  
[www.dundeeccity.gov.uk](http://www.dundeeccity.gov.uk)

### Commercial refuse collections

Businesses can enter a contract with Dundee City Council for the uplift and disposal of general (non-hazardous) waste from their premises. Waste must be presented for collection in acceptable manner. Two main methods for presenting commercial waste for collection are offered - wheeled refuse bins and blue sacks.

Wheeled bins (various sizes) can be rented or purchased from Dundee City Council. Blue commercial sacks can be purchased by businesses and presented outside their premises on set day(s) for collection. A separate collection of animal-by-products can also be provided.

### **Commercial recyclables collections**

Dundee City Council's Waste Management Department offer commercial and trade organisations the opportunity to minimise their waste disposal costs while maximising their environmental credentials by segregating their waste for the purpose of recycling. Separate collection for the following materials can be provided:

- Paper and/or card
- Glass
- WEEE
- Aluminium
- Wood
- Metal
- Plastics
- Fluorescent tubes

### **Commercial skip hire**

A range of skips are available for hire to all businesses in the Dundee City Council area.

### **Recycling centres**

Dundee City Council currently operates three Recycling Centres within the city for general/mixed, bulky and recyclable waste.

- **Baldovie Recycling Centre**,  
Piper Street, Dundee
- **Marchbanks Recycling Centre**,  
Harefield Road, Dundee
- **Riverside Recycling Centre**, Wright  
Avenue (off Riverside Drive), Dundee

Traders wishing to use any site for disposal of commercial waste must purchase a disposal ticket before visiting the site. Disposal tickets can be purchased from the Waste Management Department offices at Marchbanks Depot, 34 Harefield Road, Dundee, Tel: 01382 432777.

In addition to commercial waste collection businesses can recycle a wide range of materials including cardboard, glass, paper and green waste through our kerbside recycling services. We also administer a third party Category 3 Animal-By-Product kerbside collection.

### **Dedicated commercial waste sales team**

We provide a specialist team who can assist you in choosing the correct waste collection service, prepare detailed contracts and assess your waste to ensure that you get the optimum service. Contact Carol Holbein-Neville – [cholbein-neville@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:cholbein-neville@pkc.gov.uk)

### **Waste minimisation support**

We can offer advice and information on how to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste. Where you have a specialist problem we can help you find the solution through one of our partners, such as Abertay Centre for the Environment. Contact Shelia Stewart – [ssewart@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ssewart@pkc.gov.uk)

### **Educational and promotional materials**

Due to increased demand from businesses for information and assistance on waste management, we developed various Business Information Packs, Educational Videos, adverts and website content to raise awareness of waste minimisation and waste issues.

### **Quick, efficient and responsive service**

With the advantage of operating locally and rurally, we can offer an efficient and responsive service from our depots across Perth and Kinross.

### **Flexible for your needs**

We can offer a variety of bins, trade waste sacks and labels, on variable collection frequencies, to suit your business needs. Our Proactive team visit or call in the region of 20 businesses each week to ascertain how best we can assist them in minimising their waste.

**Perth & Kinross Council**  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/commercialwaste](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/commercialwaste)

**Perth & Kinross Council offer a comprehensive range of waste management and recycling services to local business.**

The initial consultation would be to assess the Business needs and survey the premise to ensure our Refuse Vehicles can safely access the site whilst causing minimal disruption to the business.

We can then best advise the Business how to manage their waste in the most efficient, economical and environmentally friendly method. This can be done by using various option open to the council through in house management or subcontracting through our partnership network.

Over 500 businesses have requested and received advice and support in implementing new waste strategies.

## **Business Support Organisations**

### **Abertay Centre for the Environment [www.ace.abertay.ac.uk](http://www.ace.abertay.ac.uk)**

- **Developing new, more environmentally friendly products and services**
- **Developing new products that take advantage of the increasing profile of the environment**
- **Changing processes or working practices that reduce the environmental costs and improve profitability**

The level of assistance varies to suit the business, from general environmental advice and a desk top study to laboratory testing, auditing and business mentoring. The centre also houses laboratory space and seminar rooms available for SMEs to use.

Find out how ACE could help your business, by contacting: Mary Cowie (Director)  
E: [m.cowie@abertay.ac.uk](mailto:m.cowie@abertay.ac.uk)  
T: 01382 308543 • F: 01382 308626

### **Business Environment Partnership [www.thebep.org.uk](http://www.thebep.org.uk)**

**The Business Environment Partnership (BEP) was established in 1998 to provide free assistance with environmental management to small to medium sized businesses throughout Scotland.**

The principle aim of our projects is to make the Scottish economy more competitive by allowing local companies to realise cost savings, risk reduction and an improved competitive advantage by implementing recommendations aimed at improving their environmental performance.

The BEP are supported in Tayside by Scottish Enterprise Tayside and Scottish Executive, and can provide free assistance to businesses to address waste minimisation / energy efficiency / improved water and effluent management / environmental policy. We also have in-house expertise in renewable energy, sustainability and biodiversity.

For further information and assistance please contact Anna Graham or Zoe Stirton on 0131 561 6262.

### **Dundee & Angus Chamber of Commerce [www.dundeeandanguschamber.co.uk](http://www.dundeeandanguschamber.co.uk)**

**Dundee City Sustainable Design Guide** [www.dundeecc.gov.uk/sustainableconstructionguide/dunduststvelguide](http://www.dundeecc.gov.uk/sustainableconstructionguide/dunduststvelguide)

**The City Council has produced this guide to assist all developers (large or small) to adopt more sustainable approaches to how they plan and build.**

It is part of a voluntary process which starts with developers completing a 'Sustainable Development Profile' to be submitted with their planning application.

The profile and guide are intended to encourage developers to think about a range of issues from community consultation to renewable energy and recycling at the earliest possible stage in the site planning and design process before finalising their project and submitting it for consideration.

**Envirowise**  
[www.envirowise.gov.uk](http://www.envirowise.gov.uk)

**Envirowise offers UK businesses of up to 250 employees' free, independent, confidential advice and support on practical ways to increase profits, minimise waste and reduce environmental impact.**

Fast track audits, onsite counselling visits and resource efficiency training events are available free for companies with less than 250 employees. The results of the visits will be written up in the form of a report. Specialist water efficiency advice is also available to companies through the Big Splash Campaign, to provide training and advice on how to reduce water use and make substantial cost savings.

Envirowise are also involved in a number of events around the country, ranging from specialist workshops to conferences and exhibitions. Their events database provides information on activities that are going on in your area. You can also get expert advice from their specialist advisors on specific waste and legislation enquiries. They have a panel of experts waiting to hear from you, so you can either email your enquiry or call their helpline on 0800 585794.

Envirowise services are government funded and completely free of charge. There are no bills or nasty surprises.

**Federation of Small Businesses**  
[www.fsb.org.uk](http://www.fsb.org.uk)

**FSB Scotland is the largest direct-member business organisation in the country, representing over 19,000 small and medium-sized enterprises, the lifeblood of the modern economy.**

Government figures show that SMEs now account for 99.2% of all Scottish businesses and 51% of Scottish jobs.

FSB Scotland is committed to campaigning for a better social, political and economic environment to live, work, learn and do business in, and is widely recognised as the most influential business organisation in Scotland.

FSB Scotland has teamed up with energywatch, the independent energy watchdog, to call for greater protection for small businesses. The Make the Connection campaign was launched on Monday 9th October 2006. FSB Scotland and energywatch have also launched a website with practical information on how to avoid some of the pitfalls of the energy market.

For more information go to  
[www.smallbusinessenergy.org.uk](http://www.smallbusinessenergy.org.uk)

Some of the key recommendations in the FSB's Manifesto for Scotland's Small Businesses were:

- **Greater access to existing recycling facilities to cut business costs and reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.**
- **Open up existing recycling facilities to small businesses and extend existing segregated household collections to small non-domestic premises on a cost recovery basis.**
- **Extend grants to encourage installation of small-scale renewable energy devices to small businesses.**

### **Green Shoots**

[www.greenshoots.info](http://www.greenshoots.info)

Green Shoots will help you to create and grow a business, if you are interested in recycling in any form, if your business can help economically deprived communities, or you are from an economically deprived community, and if you live in, or are prepared to work in, the Council regions of Dundee, Angus, Perth & Kinross, Falkirk, Stirling or Clackmannan.

The incubation process will take your business through the foundation stages for starting and establishing its trading activities.

- **Company formation**
- **Fund-raising**
- **Implementation of the business plan**
- **Management training & development**

For further information or enquiries, please contact Nick Lyth on 07802 150053.

### **Loan Action Scotland**

[www.thebep.org.uk/las](http://www.thebep.org.uk/las)

**Loan Action Scotland (LAS) provides interest-free loans to improve energy efficiency within your company.**

Cost savings will be made as a result of installing more energy efficient equipment that can benefit your bottom line – particularly as energy costs continue to rise sharply. The interest-free loan can help your business to realise an immediate and ongoing reduction in energy costs, and reduced Climate Change Levy contributions.

You can apply for a loan between £5,000 and £100,000 interest free and repayable up to 4 years. The loan can be used in order to support the installation of new energy saving measures.

### **NETREGS**

[www.netregs.gov.uk](http://www.netregs.gov.uk)

**NetRegs provides free environmental guidance for small businesses in the UK. We will help you to understand what you need to do to comply with environmental legislation and protect the environment.**

We may even help to save you money by showing you ways to use your resources more efficiently! The website is broken down by sector, business and environmental legislation to make it as user friendly as possible.

### **Scottish Energy Efficiency Centre**

[www.energy-efficiency.org](http://www.energy-efficiency.org)

**In today's competitive business environment, successful businesses are those making efficient use of energy and resources – driving their costs down.**

Easy, low cost actions are often all that is required for your business to save money, improve its competitive position, and help the environment. The Energy Saving Trust Business Advice Programme can help you access:

- Free, impartial information & advice
- Free on-site energy, waste & water audits
- Practical guides & best practice literature
- Low carbon, clean fuel & renewable technologies
- Relevant training & seminars

Call 0845 458 5040 to find out more.

### Scottish Enterprise Tayside [www.scottish-enterprise.com/tayside](http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/tayside)

Aims to encourage and assist Scottish Enterprise Tayside's Account managed companies to:

- reduce waste going to landfill
- reduce water & energy consumption
- reduce CO2 emissions
- develop environmental management systems
- work towards and gain external environmental accreditation such as ISO14000, Green Tourism Business Scheme.

### SEPA Tayside Waste Strategy Co-ordinator (WSAC) [www.sepa.org.uk/nws/areas/tayside](http://www.sepa.org.uk/nws/areas/tayside)

The Area Waste Plan (AWP) aims to contribute to the sustainable development of Tayside by developing waste management systems that control waste generation, reduce environmental impact, improve resource efficiency, stimulate investment and maximise economic opportunities arising from waste.

The AWP covers all types of waste (household, commercial, industrial). We aim to co-ordinate and support all the activities and programmes working to reduce the amount of waste being created and landfilled or increasing the amount being recycled, composted or recovered, to ensure Tayside meets its local, national and EU targets. To find out more about what is happening visit our website.

### SEPA Waste Minimisation Programme [www.sepa.org.uk/wastemin](http://www.sepa.org.uk/wastemin)

SEPA is a key partner in establishing and funding a variety of sector and geographically focused waste minimisation projects throughout Scotland, in partnership with industry, the Scottish Executive, Envirowise, the local enterprise companies, Scottish Water and local authorities. All waste minimisation projects funded by SEPA must record a reduction in energy use, waste use, solid waste and in the strength and volume of liquid waste.

This work demonstrates substantial cost savings and improved environmental performance for participating companies. Projects include consultancy-led waste minimisation clubs, environmental business forums and local business support initiatives.

Any queries on resource efficiency initiatives should be sent to [wastemin@sepa.org.uk](mailto:wastemin@sepa.org.uk)

**Tayside Community Forum**  
[www.crns.org.uk](http://www.crns.org.uk)

Support your local community, improve your environmental credentials and divert waste from landfill.

There are many community groups that can reuse and refurbish many household items, from bikes and sports equipment to household and office furniture and equipment. To find out about local community groups contact Emma Margrette 01786 469002

**Waste Aware Business**  
[www.wasteawarebusiness.com](http://www.wasteawarebusiness.com)

**The Scottish Waste Awareness Group has launched a new campaign to make it easier than ever before for businesses in Tayside to access information about reducing, reusing and recycling their waste.**

Their web-based resource, entitled Waste Aware Business, contains a Business Recycling Directory giving firms access to both local and national reuse and recycling service providers.

The website also includes a number of tools for businesses to use including a poster creator, frequently asked questions and a number of useful links to other initiatives and organisations working with businesses to facilitate resource efficiency. How to guides and case studies demonstrating how businesses have minimised their waste and the cost savings achieved are also available.

For further information please visit [www.wasteawarebusiness.org.uk](http://www.wasteawarebusiness.org.uk) or email [info@wasteawarebusiness.com](mailto:info@wasteawarebusiness.com)

**Waste Aware Construction**  
[www.wasteawareconstruction.org.uk](http://www.wasteawareconstruction.org.uk)

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), in conjunction with the Construction Confederation and the Scottish Waste Awareness Group (SWAG), developed a colour-coding system for the production of skip posters for the segregation of waste.

The system has been designed as a practical and affordable way to increase the segregation of recyclates at source and help on-site workers to automatically associate colours with specific waste streams. Over 250 companies have now signed up, enabling them to create and download posters from the Waste Aware Construction (WAC) website.

Colour coding has been identified by the construction industry as an effective way of raising waste awareness, separating waste at source, reducing the amount of construction waste sent to landfill, and increasing cost savings to construction companies.

**Waste and Resource Action Programme (WRAP)** [www.wrap.org.uk](http://www.wrap.org.uk)

**WRAP works in partnership, helping businesses and the general public to reduce waste, to use more recycled material, and recycle more things more often.**

This is achieved through promoting best practice for the management of specific sectors waste such as retail, construction and manufacturing. In addition there are a number of funding opportunities and recycled product guide.