



WASTE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT

Waste management is an area that Lidl takes very seriously.

Lidl strives to recycle as much waste material as possible to ensure a cleaner environment for all. Year on year new targets are set to reduce Lidl's carbon footprint and increase recycling levels.

All stores are equipped with either a cardboard compactor or baler. Cardboard waste is pressed resulting in a decrease in volume of 400%. This reduction in volume helps to lower carbon emissions as more cardboard can be transported back to the Regional Distribution Centres on each lorry. This also results in a reduction in both noise pollution and congestion.

Plastic packaging is also collected and separated into coloured and clear plastic then recycled. Much of this is then converted into waste sacks for use in the stores.

In addition, all food waste goes for anaerobic digestion, which is widely used as a source of renewable energy.

As such, there is no requirement for external waste storage.

A combination of these initiatives enabled the Regional Distribution Centre in Weston-Super-Mare to recycle 95% of all waste in 2016/17. Total recycling for the UK for 2016/17 was 92%.

By continuing to work closely with suppliers Lidl has been instrumental in the development and improvement of innovative packaging solutions that eliminate the use of unnecessary raw materials.



2016/2017 Statistics – Regional Distribution Centre, WSM

- WSM Recycling percentage - 95%;
- Over 10,300 tonnes of cardboard and paper recycled;
- Over 450 tonnes of plastic recycled;
- Over 370 tonnes of metal recycled;
- In addition, wood, ceramics, and glass were also recycled;
- Company target for 2017/18 is 93%.