

Forest Wholefoods is an independent company who manufactures and packs a wide variety of wholefoods for the food industry

Forest Wholefoods is aware of its responsibility to the environment and is committed to reducing the overall environmental impact of its operations by monitoring, managing and striving to continually improve its environmental performance. We aim to achieve this by providing a framework of good environmental management practices that are embedded within the Company.

Forest Wholefoods will conduct its business with respect and care for the environment. This will be achieved by implementing environmental strategies that benefit our stakeholders, as well as the resident communities local to our operational sites.

We will work together with our suppliers and customers in order to minimise environmental impacts during the product lifecycle.

Forest Wholefoods is wholefood company, supplying the industry with healthy wholefoods, we will meet or exceed the relevant environmental legislation and codes of practice. In addition, we will adopt appropriate, integrated Environmental Management Systems, which specifically focus on preventing environmental risks by:

- ***Minimising product waste generation by using approved process management systems, management review and measurement of “right-first-time” data.***
- ***Reducing the consumption of energy by reviewing and upgrading to more efficient plant and equipment when appropriate.***
- ***Recycling waste materials effectively to minimise disposal to landfill. A contractor recycles paper, cardboard, plastics and metal. 95% is currently recycled. We generate very little food waste. As a way to minimise food waste; food recycling bins have been added in communal areas e.g. the office and staff kitchen. Recycling containers are also located in all areas of the factory and offices.***
- ***EMPOWERING Staff are actively encouraged to switch off lights when not required. Forest WHolefoods is investing in energy efficient machinery and equipment to reduce gas and electricity consumption.***
- ***SAVING THE PLANET Forest Wholefoods e-mails the majority of correspondence to reduce paper usage, saving trees. Forest Wholefoods plans to encourage and support customers with printing the name of the packaging on artwork to increase the use of recycling.***
- ***CHEMICALS. We use food safe and environmentally friendly cleaning chemicals.***
- ***SUSTAINABILITY Ingredients (produced without hazardous pesticides and chemicals, non-essential antibiotics or growth promotion), are sourced from reputable suppliers and wherever possible organic (grown without the use of harmful pesticides, fertilisers, or preservatives). Local suppliers are used wherever possible, reducing food miles, which uses less carbon emissions, supporting the environment to ensure future viability. We do this by:***
 - ***Use our own apple orchards that have existed for over 300 years, including the replanting of trees.***
 - ***Use of organic suppliers with recognised accreditation***
 - ***Ingredients sourced meet non-GMO standards.***
 - ***Minimise the use of ingredients, making the products as natural as possible***
- ***Minimising emissions to air, land and water through established process controls and regular inspections.***

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- ***Committed to reducing its consumption of water, paper and other consumables, and will always take environmental effects into consideration when making any purchase.***
- ***Improving the awareness and training of employees in environmental best practice through regular communication and education.***
- ***Committed to preventing pollution and to effectively manage significant environmental impacts.***
- ***Our suppliers and third party contractors are required to implement and maintain Environmental Policies.***

Continual business improvement is a permanent objective within the Forest Wholefoods organisation resulting in raising objectives, targets and standards to new levels.

The directors of Forest Wholefoods are committed to operating an environmentally responsible business and aim to monitor regularly company progress in achieving agreed environmental objectives.