

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

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

**Forest Whole Foods** 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 Whole Foods** 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 Whole Foods** 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. We minimise food waste by efficiently managing stock control and buying only what we need.
- 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. Recycling containers are located in all areas of the
  factory and offices.
- Staff are actively encouraged to switch off lights when not required. Forest Whole Foods is investing in energy efficient machinery and equipment electricity consumption. We don't us gas.
- SAVING THE PLANET Forest Whole Foods e-mails the majority of correspondence to reduce paper usage, saving trees. Forest Whole Foods work with OPRL to encourage and support customers with correct recycling advice to increase the use of recycling.
- CHEMICALS. We use food safe and environmentally friendly cleaning chemicals which contain no toxic surfactants.
- SUSTAINABILITY Ingredients (produced without hazardous pesticides and chemicals, nonessential antibiotics or growth promotion), are sourced from reputable suppliers and 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 of organic suppliers with recognised accreditation
  - Ingredients sourced meet non-GMO standards.
  - Minimise the use of ingredients, making the products as natural as possible
  - Use suppliers who have the same values as us.
- Minimising emissions to air, land and water through established process controls and regular inspections.
- Committed to reducing its consumption of water, paper and other consumables, and will always take environmental effects into consideration when making any purchase.



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- 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 Whole Foods organisation resulting in raising objectives, targets and standards to new levels.

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