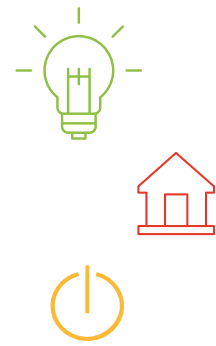


FACT SHEET

Resource Efficiency

Quick Summary

- Adopting a resource efficient approach can cut wasted costs and improve business profits
- Environmental management systems help you understand where the waste exists and the reasons behind it
- A variety of different resource management companies, in different manufacturing or agriculture sectors, can help you build systems to become more resource efficient



Introduction

Resource efficiency is not just an environmental initiative; it's simply a question of good commercial sense. Wasting resources – both physical and time – costs money. By finding ways to reduce waste, you can free up funds that were otherwise tied to your business, to be reinvested in other areas to promote growth in your business.

The importance of management

For any business to be successful it requires good management. Management helps to ensure that everything is working the way it should to achieve the outcomes required to make the business successful.

Environmental management is a tool that businesses can use to ensure they are using their resources efficiently. However, it's not just about understanding where this waste exists, but to understand the reason it exists. With this new-found knowledge you can work out effective methods to minimize the waste and avoid any similar pitfalls in the future.

Environmental management systems also help businesses understand how they fit into their environment, what impacts they have on the planet, the local area and their employees. These systems help to improve staff engagement and help to engage and work alongside their community to better improve the environment.

Who can help?

WRAP

“WRAP is a catalyst for positive economic and environmental action”

The Waste & Resources Action Programme works across the UK to help businesses and individuals reap the benefits of reducing waste, develop sustainable products and use resources in an efficient way, predominantly in the following manufacturing sectors:

- Food and Drink
- Clothing and textiles
- Electricals and electronics

Further reading

To read more on how WRAP helps businesses become more resource efficient, [click here](#) to go to their website.

Online resources

WRAP's Business Resource Efficiency Hub offers a range of guides and **on-line tools** to help small to medium enterprises (SMEs) improve their resource efficiency.

The Carbon Trust

“We believe in a future where economic prosperity and environmental sustainability go hand in hand”

The Carbon Trust is a not-for-profit company with the mission to accelerate the move to a low carbon economy in the UK and around the world. They provide specialist support to help businesses and the public sectors cut carbon emissions, save energy and commercialise low carbon technologies.

If your business were to pursue a low carbon approach, you would be contributing to key UK goals of lower carbon emissions, the development of low carbon businesses, increased energy security and associated jobs.

Further reading

To visit their website and read more on how the Carbon Trust operate, [click here](#).

Online resources

Their website includes on-line **training tools** to help businesses look at their processes and reduce their carbon foot print.

Legal information

They also provide information on emerging, low carbon, technologies and climate change legislation and policies that apply to **SMEs**.

NISP

“Connecting Industry, Creating Opportunity”

The National Industrial Symbiosis Programme brings together traditionally separate industries and organisations from a variety of business sectors with the aim of improving cross industry resource efficiency and sustainability.

This collaboration between businesses can involve the physical exchange of materials, energy, water and/or by-products together with the shared use of assets, logistics and expertise.

Further reading

For more information on NISP, [click here](#) to visit their website.

Online resources

For more information and to read case studies on successful outcomes, [click here](#) to visit their website.

NFU Farm Energy Service

“The voice of British farming”

The National Farmers Union has launched a new service exclusively for members providing renewable and energy efficient services to help reduce environmental impact and increase farm profits.

The Farm Energy Service offers independent advice and guidance on a range of energy issues including solar panels, wind energy, grid connections and energy contracts. It will also provide assistance with legal queries, planning, finance and insurance. Benefits include a free initial survey, access to an energy contract finder service and a discounted fee structure.

The NFU teamed up with renewable energy specialists Fisher German and efficiency and contract management experts Farm Energy.

Further reading

A new website explains what is available – take a look at www.nfufarmenergyservice.com. The helpline for initial advice is 0870 844 5700

How can Business Lincolnshire help?

Through the Business Lincolnshire Programme, we can work with you to identify where opportunities exist to make cost reductions. Additionally, you may already know what you want to improve or are interested in, in terms of renewable technology. Our support team is on hand to guide you through the process and identify areas to make improvements, new technologies to consider and routes to funding that can support your projects.

On the Business Lincolnshire website, head over to the tools section where you can access various videos delivered by David Knight – lead for the Business Lincolnshire Resource Efficiency Programme – who explains in detail how Business Lincolnshire can work with you to help make your business more resource efficient.

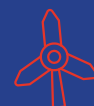
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