



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

## SUMMARY

At Design Cleaning, we are extremely passionate about our environment, and we take our responsibilities very seriously by:

- Only using specially selected, like-minded and approved suppliers.
- Our entire team mobilises using only public transport or electric vehicles.
- All of our feminine hygiene waste is zero to landfill.
- 90% of our cleaning products are Probiotic which are 100% Environmentally Beneficial.
- Where cleaning chemicals are required, we only use Eco-Friendly ones.
- 90% of our cleaning products come in super-concentrates which reduces plastic waste by around 300 trigger spray bottles per 1L of concentrate.
- Minimising the use of chemicals by using industry-leading chemical-dosing systems.
- Minimising the use of chemicals by using industry-leading cleaning machinery.
- We reduce our environmental impact by using eco-friendly microfibre cloths.
- Ban of aerosols when cleaning.
- Continuously strive to use more modern and efficient cleaning technologies that can help conserve energy and water.
- We are a paperless company.
- 99% of the paper products supplied to our clients are made out of recycled beverage cartons (tetra pack).
- We promote Lucart hand towel dispensers instead of standard ones to our clients as most of them are made out of 100% recycled beverage cartons.
- Our safety signs (wet-floor/cleaning in progress signs) are made of 100% recycled plastic.
- Our Kentucky buckets are made from 100% recycled plastic.
- Our 1L Probiotic cleaning products bottles are made of 50% recycled plastic.
- Any vacuum cleaners purchased from June 2022 onwards are made from 75% recycled plastic.
- All of our cleaning product containers are 100% recyclable.
- Encourage and support our clients to implement central bins instead of personal ones to cut down on plastic.
- Educating staff about the company's environmental policies and practices and refreshing them annually.

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## DETAILED POLICY

Design Cleaning Services (UK) Ltd actively strives to further environmental resource conservation by exercising the best management and operational standards and introducing innovative solutions. **We aim to achieve Net Zero by 2025.**

The Group's policy represents an awareness of the need to reduce and control the damage done to the environment by:

### Waste Disposal

Disposal and transport of waste from contracted sites must be carried out responsibly and with due regard to all environmental considerations, and in keeping with the terms and conditions of our contracts. Design Cleaning will endeavour to minimise spillage and maintain good housekeeping.

Our feminine hygiene waste has a zero-to-landfill procedure.

### Discharge of waste into the ground/water system

- 90% of our cleaning products are Probiotic which are not only eco-friendly, meaning that they do not cause damage to the environment, but are also Environmentally Beneficial as they purify the waterways and positively contribute to a natural microflora.
- Where suitable alternatives exist, environmentally unfriendly products will not be used.
- Best practicable means will be used to ensure that substances and chemical waste will be collected and arrangements made for safe and ecological disposal.
- Best practicable means will be used to ensure that harmful elements of chemicals and substances will be neutralised before disposal. Any discharge into public sewers will be in line with local authority regulations and relevant guidance.



### **Transport**

Vehicle use is a small part of our business and to reduce the effect of harmful emissions on the environment, we only drive fully electric vehicles at the management level. All of our cleaning operatives use public transportation and we encourage staff to plan journeys to minimise travelling time and distances.

Employees are also encouraged to walk or cycle to work where possible.

### **Energy Conservation**

- Energy consumption will be controlled.
- Design Cleaning will advise customers of changes in best practice and legislation where applicable in the use and management of energy.
- Where practicable, all electricity will be sourced from 100% renewable sources.
- Computer systems will be set to save as much energy as possible.
- Appliances and computers are turned off when not in use.
- Rechargeable batteries are used for all battery-powered appliances.

### **Recycling**

- Careful consideration is to be given to the elimination or minimisation of waste at the source and the recycling or reuse of materials and in accordance with current practical alternatives in recycling waste.
- Recycle waste - paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, tin, aluminium, IT and electrical equipment.
- Return printer cartridges to suppliers for re-use and support charity toner appeals.
- Donate any redundant IT equipment to charities for re-use.
- Reduce printing and paper waste through monitoring systems.
- By being a paperless company, we minimise paper use and store 100% of our information digitally rather than paper files.
- Use 100% recycled paper for printing and stationery products where possible.
- We investigate the environmental performance of our suppliers, and wherever financially viable give preference to suppliers with the least environmental impact.

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### **Arboriculture & Horticulture**

The contribution of trees, shrubs and plants to the repair of the atmosphere is well known, whilst this is not a core activity, Design Cleaning has an appreciation of Estates Management and good arboriculture and horticulture practices.

Through our paper products supplier, Lucart, we help save hundreds of trees each year.

### **Effects on the Community**

Noise, odour, atmospheric emission, traffic and other aspects of The Service that can affect the local community in the areas in which we operate are to be controlled to the lowest practical level. Design Cleaning seeks to be a good neighbour by maintaining all offices and associated premises to the highest standard.

### **General**

Design Cleaning Services (UK) Ltd will at all times respect and adopt the goodwill and procedures already used by their customers when dealing with council officials and similar bodies.

We also:

- Provide whenever possible, fair-trade tea and coffee to staff.
- Ensure all employees know and understand the policy and what is expected of them.
- Constantly seek to improve our environmental performance through monitoring systems, target setting, annual reports and policy reviews.

### **Environmental Protection Act 1990**

Design Cleaning Services (UK) Ltd policies comply fully with the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Duty of Care Code of Practice, effective from 1st April 1992.

Signed:

Elad Amir - Managing Director

Design Cleaning Services (UK) Ltd

