

Environmental policy

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At Green Hosting we are committed to living and working in ways which are responsible to the environment. Due to our line of work both purchase of materials and production of waste are minimal but where this does apply, we work hard to be energy efficient and to produce as little waste as possible.

We employ green/resource efficient working practices on a daily basis but we are always looking at ways to improve what we're already doing. Therefore, we have developed a plan to outline current practices, how we can become more efficient and any relevant, new practices we can implement.

It is our Policy to:

- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and requirements.
- Continue to use a renewable energy provider for our office electricity, and continue to keep our gas heating usage to a minimum where possible.
- Continue to host our websites on 100% renewable energy powered website hosting (www.green-hosting.co.uk) and provide and promote this to clients and potential clients.
- Continue to host our websites at a data centre which is not only powered by renewable energy sources (wind, sun, water) but is extremely energy efficient. [Find out more about the data centre at our website](#). Visit our Impact section at green-hosting.co.uk.
- Keep office energy use low by continuing to turn off equipment / lights (low energy light bulbs) which are not being used.
- Continue to keep our water usage to a minimum, which is currently used only for regular office activity (drinks & bathroom).
- Run a paperless office for communication with clients, administration, record keeping etc.
- Old electronic components for computers are re-used wherever possible. To dispose of non-usable electrical items, we have identified and will use our local waste recycling centre.

- On the rare occasions it is needed, we will continue to purchase our business stationery from the Green Stationery Company.
- Printed promotional materials are very rarely used. If we chose to print flyers or leaflets, these would be sourced from an ethical printing company using the most environmentally sound resources and methods.
- Where possible we will seek to buy other furniture / equipment for the office from second hand shops or from companies with positive environmental credentials.
- Continue to use the Co-operative Bank for our business banking.
- Continue to use Evergreen Insurance Services for our business insurance.
- Business travel is extremely minimal, with the majority of meetings taking place online or by telephone. When travelling is necessary we usually use public transport. On rare occasions we will travel via car as this would be the most efficient use of our time and client funds.
- Continue to support local organisations and community groups by providing services for free.
- Keep our websites fast and using minimal resources along with ensuring our social media posting is for necessary and infrequent marketing and communications. For example, we will not use a large, data hungry video where a simple text or image could be used instead.
- Continue to learn about how we can further improve our environmental practices/resource efficiency plus methods to measure the success of these.
- We will continue to communicate, support and network with suppliers, clients, & associates who sympathise with our environmental and ethical aims and demonstrate such commitment.
- We are committed to ensuring that Make Hay staff, our current and potential clients plus the general public can access our policy easily.

Our policy is regularly reviewed, with updates included as and when current objectives are met and new ones are identified.

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