



# Wilko packaging policy

## What we want to do

We understand the responsibility we have to minimise unnecessary packaging in the products we use in our business or in the products we sell to our customers. We want to increase our use of recycled content and recyclable materials. We want packaging that's designed to help our customers enjoy our products, whether purchased online or in one of our stores.

Since 2011 we have incorporated industry standard recycling guidelines (OPRL – on pack recycling label) to help our customers understand which materials can be recycled at home or via their local recycling facilities.

We will, as a minimum, meet legislative and regulatory requirements, whilst trying to stick to best practice.

## This policy should be read alongside these other policies and standards:

- Responsible sourcing policy
- Chemical policy
- Timber policy
- Chemicals standard

## How we're going to do it

We'll work towards best practice by:

- Putting policies, procedures and standards in place that will help our teams and supply base to ensure that our packaging is optimised, fit for purpose and sourced in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. This will include setting clear objectives and targets to measure and reduce unnecessary or complex packaging.
- Ensuring that our packaging is phthalate free and contains fewer harmful chemicals. We'll also work towards eliminating the use of PVC unless there are no commercial alternatives.
- Using easy to recycle plastics such as PET, HDPE, PE and LDPE, and avoiding where possible the use of mixed or composite plastics except where no commercial alternatives exist.

- Working with our supply base to use paper and cardboard packaging with a recycled content, and increasing it where we can.
- Considering more concentrated products and compact packaging which also contribute to efficiencies in transport and distribution, as well as minimising packaging.
- Providing guidance to our suppliers to ensure that, where it's cost effective, priority is given to the use of materials that are renewable as well as recyclable, and that packaging waste is minimised where possible.
- Regularly looking at our approach to make sure it meets our business needs while keeping our customers happy.
- Keeping ourselves up-to-date with relevant NGOs, industry bodies and trade associations.

## We're committed to:

- **Producing responsibly sourced packaging that's cost effective, that our team members can be proud of, that benefit our customers and that have as little environmental and social impact as possible.**
- **Giving our buyers all the information they need to make informed and responsible buying decisions.**
- **Working alongside suppliers and business partners to put our policy into practice.**

Signed

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