

# Our Sustainability Policy



Acorn Environmental recognise that our business operations can have a negative impact on the environment. We are committed to, and enjoy, finding ways to reduce the impact of our staff, premises and operations on the environment. We share the vision of our community and council for One Planet Living in Sutton: working together to create a place where local businesses thrive and people can lead healthy, happy lifestyles within a fair share of the Earth's resources. The policy states how we value the environment, action taken to date and intentions for the future.

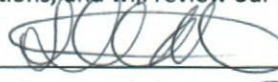
To date, Acorn Environmental has undertaken the following actions to reduce our environmental impact:

<b>Carbon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have stickers on lights and appliances to remind our staff to switch them off</li> <li>• Our computers enter stand-by mode during periods of inactivity</li> <li>• We have installed a new boiler and keep it regularly maintained</li> </ul>
<b>Waste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We use recycled equipment and furniture within our office wherever possible, and aim to reuse the equipment and furniture we remove from our clients' sites</li> <li>• We recycle as much of our waste as possible through our contract with Countrywaste</li> </ul>
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a fleet of three hybrid vehicles for use by our office staff</li> <li>• We car-share wherever possible</li> </ul>
<b>Culture and heritage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are an active member of the community, attending and donating to local events</li> </ul>
<b>Health and happiness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We encourage staff participation in our business and ensure staff are happy in their career development.</li> </ul>

Acorn Environmental has undertaken a sustainability audit with Bioregional, which has highlighted areas in which the company can further reduce its impact. Therefore, over the next 12 months, Acorn Environmental is committed to implementing the following measures:

<b>Carbon</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draught proofing the office, including the windows and front door to reduce heat loss</li> <li>• Fit energy saving bulbs throughout the building to minimise energy used in lighting</li> <li>• Look into providing individual switches to downstairs lights, and installing motion sensors in bathrooms</li> <li>• Fit reflectors behind radiators to increase efficiency of the heating system</li> <li>• Fit Thermostatic Radiator Valves (TRVs) to radiators to allow thermal zoning and automatic temperature control</li> <li>• Look into switching to a green electricity tariff</li> </ul>
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the possibility of running at least one van on recycled waste oil (biofuel)</li> </ul>
<b>Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sign up to the Mayor of London's Green Procurement Code to review the sustainability of the materials we use</li> </ul>
<b>Water</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake a free water audit from our water supplier (Sutton &amp; Surrey) and implement the measures they recommend</li> </ul>

We are also committed to complying with all environmental legislation and other requirements relevant to our operations, and will review our environmental objectives and aspirations on an annual basis.

Signed   
 Position Operations Director

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