



PRIORITY WASTE LIMITED – ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND SCOPE

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ISO 14001: Scope

The Environmental Management System (EMS) applies to:

Total waste management services including the collection, brokerage, and disposal of hazardous waste, WEEE waste, and general waste streams.

This scope covers all business activities undertaken by Priority Waste Limited, including those carried out by contractors, subcontractors, and partner facilities operating under our control or influence.

1. Environmental Commitment

Priority Waste Limited is committed to protecting the environment, preventing pollution, and operating responsibly as a recognised leader in the UK waste management sector.

We continually improve our environmental performance through robust planning, training, and partnership with customers and suppliers who share our environmental values.

We fully support and comply with:

- The **Environmental Protection Act 1990**
- The **Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011**
- The **Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005**
- All other relevant UK and EU-derived environmental legislation.

Our operations follow **DEFRA's Waste Hierarchy** and aim toward **zero landfill** wherever practicable.

2. Policy Objectives

To fulfil this commitment, Priority Waste Limited will:

- Prevent pollution in all activities by controlling and reducing emissions, discharges, and waste.
 - Maintain a proactive Environmental Management System (EMS) that meets ISO 14001:2015 requirements.
 - Identify and manage all environmental aspects and impacts through regular evaluation and control.
 - Comply with all applicable legal and regulatory obligations, and adopt improved standards ahead of legislation where possible.
 - Continually seek opportunities to exceed compliance and improve sustainability outcomes.
 - Promote environmental awareness and competence among all staff through ongoing training.
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3. Operational Measures

We actively:

- Minimise our carbon footprint by **scheduling collections geographically** to reduce mileage and emissions.
 - Work with **approved partners** who share our environmental standards and provide documentary proof of compliance.
 - Reuse and recycle wherever possible, prioritising the **Reduce → Reuse → Recycle** hierarchy.
 - Digitise documentation and communication to minimise paper use.
 - Ensure vehicles are well maintained and compliant with ULEZ and DEFRA standards.
 - Review all disposal routes for environmental impact, favouring recovery and recycling over incineration or landfill.
 - Prevent contamination and spills through strict site management, storage, and handling controls.
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4. Continual Improvement

We are committed to a process of **continuous environmental improvement** by:

- Monitoring performance against defined environmental objectives and targets.
 - Conducting annual EMS audits and management reviews.
 - Evaluating compliance with all relevant legislation.
 - Recording, investigating, and learning from any incidents or near misses.
 - Working with suppliers and contractors to improve shared environmental performance.
 - Reducing noise, odour, and other nuisance factors from our operations.
 - Reviewing our carbon footprint annually and implementing actions for reduction.
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5. Resources and Training

The company allocates sufficient resources to ensure this policy is effectively implemented. All employees receive induction and refresher training in environmental awareness, waste handling, and pollution prevention. Specialist environmental and compliance training is provided to personnel directly involved in hazardous waste operations.

6. Responsibility and Interested Parties

- The **Directors** have overall responsibility for the implementation of this policy and for ensuring compliance across all operations.
 - The **General Manager** and **department leads** are responsible for promoting environmental best practice within their areas.
 - All employees share responsibility for protecting the environment and must follow company procedures at all times.
 - The policy is communicated and made available to all **employees, customers, suppliers, regulators, auditors, and interested parties**, including the Environment Agency, DEFRA, and BSI.
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7. Community and Local Environment

Priority Waste Limited recognises its duty to operate responsibly within the local community. We actively minimise disturbance, manage noise and vehicle movements, and engage with our neighbours to promote environmental awareness and co-operation.

Signed:



Gary Cronnolley

Director

Date: 28 October 2025