



Environmental Policy

With Prima's Head Office being located within the small picturesque village of Nonington in Kent, we are very conscious of the impact that industry can have on the environment. To this end we sought to develop solutions to any environmental problems that we would produce as a company.

Obviously, the biggest impact that Prima has on its environment is one of producing large amounts of waste mainly from our PVCu and Aluminium window production facilities also located at Head Office.

Over the years with our continued growth and expansion the amount of waste produced has increased. A major part of our Environmental Policy is therefore to recycle as much of our waste as possible which we are able to do.

- Waste Management:

- PVCu - Off cuts of PVCu Window/Door profile produced during manufacturing. With Prima's investment in new technology we have been able to optimise our manufacturing to produce minimal amounts of wastage. All wastage produced is removed to a designated storage area at the end of each working shift from where it is collected by outside recycling companies on a monthly basis.
- Aluminium - Off cuts of Aluminium Window/Door profile and PVCu window reinforcement. As with PVCu we have been able to optimise our manufacturing to produce a minimal amount of wastage. Any wastage produced is removed daily to designated storage area prior to collection by outside recycling companies on a monthly basis.
- Metal - Old crittall Windows/Doors and PVCu reinforcement. Old metal windows removed on site are returned to Prima's yard and stored in designated container. Other metals are also stored for collection by outside recycling companies on a monthly basis.
- Paper - All waste paper produced at Prima's Offices is placed into separate recycling bins. Paper is removed from the office to a designated storage area on a weekly basis from where it is collected by an external waste management company for recycling. Sensitive/Confidential documentation is recycled by specialist recycling company.
- General - All areas within Prima's Office/Factory are supplied with sufficient bins for placement of any additional waste such as Food & Drink or packaging. At the end of each working day it is the responsibility of those persons working within that particular area to make sure that any such waste material is removed to designated storage area for weekly collection by external waste management company.

- Noise Control:

Because of Prima's location within a predominately residential area all buildings situated on our site have been insulated to reduce the effects of noise produced by machinery during working hours. We have also limited all heavy machinery use to between the hours of 07:30 and 19:00.

- Transportation:

The second largest environmental problem faced by Prima is one of transport and the use of motor vehicles. Unfortunately the reality is that motor vehicles are the only method of transportation available. Whenever possible Prima has always endeavoured to reduce their use to a minimum.

Due to the recent growth and expansion by the company the number of vehicles has also increased. This did cause major problems for us due to the limited amount of parking spaces available. To this end it has been decided to implement a car sharing policy for all employees. This initiative has proved successful in reducing congestion both on company grounds as well as within the surrounding villages.

Another step to reducing the effects of transport has been in limiting the number of deliveries and their times throughout each week, with each supplier making usually only one delivery per week.