

# WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY



This policy applies to McGowan Group Ltd, and its subsidiary companies (McGowan Infrastructure Ltd, & McGowan Environmental Engineering Ltd), thereafter referred to as the McGowan Group.

## Policy Statement

The McGowan Group are fully committed to reducing its waste generated during its normal work activities at Main Office and on its various work sites. Waste Management will be in line with current legislation requirements and procedures and actions documented in McGowan Group current BS Integrated Management Systems manual.

The McGowan Group will adopt the principles of the 'best practicable environmental option' in the delivery of its waste management services. The McGowan Group will apply a 'waste hierarchical approach', to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover waste products in preference to the disposal of waste to landfill.

There is a legal requirement for all who produce, keep or dispose of waste of any type to comply with the various regulations and the Duty of Care under Environmental Protection legislation.

The McGowan Group recognises the importance of meeting these legal requirements and to manage its waste responsibly, reduce the volume of waste sent to landfill and maximise reuse and recycling where possible.

The McGowan Group requires all staff and supply chain partners to comply with this Policy to ensure compliance with all waste legislation. In accordance with the Policy Statement McGowan Group will fulfil the following Policy Objectives.

## Policy Objectives

- To ensure that waste management is performed in accordance with all waste legislative requirements, including the duty of care, and to plan for future legislative changes and to mitigate their effects.
- To minimise waste generation at source and facilitate repair, reuse and recycling over the disposal of wastes, where it is cost effective.
- To promote environmental awareness in order to increase and encourage waste minimisation, reuse and recycling.
- To secure where possible revenue for recyclable material to reinvest into the expansion of recycling opportunities available to the McGowan Group.
- To ensure the safe handling and storage of wastes at all office locations and construction sites.
- To provide appropriate training for staff, supply chain partners and clients on waste management issues.
- To promote industry waste management best practice.


## Application

This policy applies to all activities undertaken by (or on behalf of) McGowan Group including its staff, supply chain partners and clients.

## Waste Hierarchy

The hierarchy lists the different ways of dealing with waste in order of preference.

1. **Reduce** Also known as waste minimisation, to reduce the amount of waste materials being produced.
2. **Re-use** To continually re-use an item in order to eliminate the use of resources in making new items.
3. **Recovery Recycling** – The collection and reprocessing of wastes either into the same product or a different one.  
Composting – biological decomposition of organic material to create a soil conditioner. Energy – waste is incinerated and the heat is recovered to generate energy.
4. **Disposal** Waste is sent, untreated, to landfill.

Signed   
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