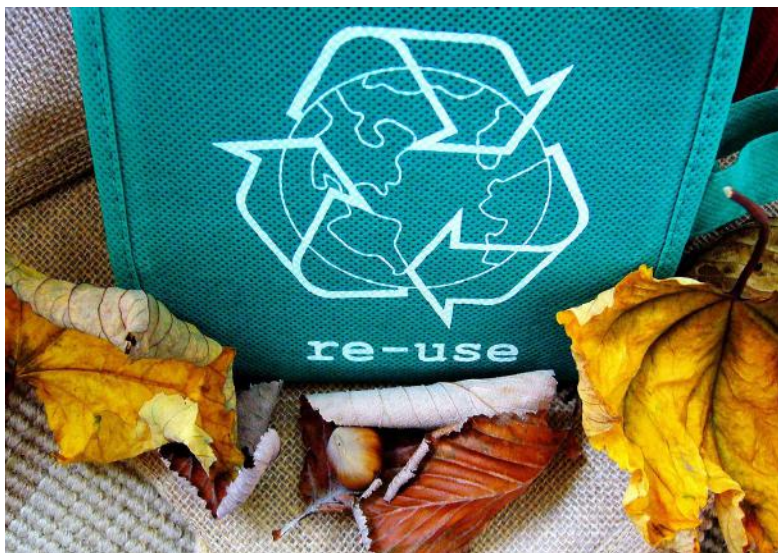




New Recycling Legislation in England: A Guide to Compliance & Effective Signage

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WHAT IS THE NEW LEGISLATION?

Starting from 31st March 2025, businesses in England must separate dry mixed recyclables and food waste from general waste, with collection by approved contractors. This legislation aims to significantly boost recycling rates across the UK and support net-zero commitments. According to a recent survey, nearly a quarter of small to medium-sized businesses (SMEs) are not even aware of the upcoming legislation, with 81% expressing concerns about its impact.

Under Section 57 – Separation of Waste, the Environment Act 2021 makes provision for amending the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Section 45AZA and Section 45AZB) governing the separate collection, of household waste from relevant non-domestic premises.

Workplaces and relevant non-domestic premises will need to separate dry recycling (except plastic film) and food waste for recycling by 31 March 2025. If you are a smaller workplace, with fewer than ten full-time equivalent employees, you've got until 31 March 2027, but it's a good idea to take the opportunity to comply early – one less thing to worry about! Under the new legislation, it will be the responsibility of the business to have multi-stream recycling in place, so waste is separated at source. Failure to comply could result in costly fines.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Good signage is crucial for successful recycling programs, especially when introducing multiple waste streams. Here's how signage can make all the difference:

Maximise Visibility: Clear, color-coded signage with recognisable symbols can make it easy for employees and customers alike to identify and use the appropriate bins, reducing contamination.

Tailor to Different Areas: Every workspace has unique needs, whether it is high-volume bins for busy areas or compact bins for tighter spaces. Customised signage helps each area meet its waste-separation requirements effectively. We are able to include company logos and designs on signage and posters – just let us know what is required and we will be happy to quote.

Educate & Engage: Consistent signage reinforces the new recycling practices and helps employees understand the importance of compliance. Regular updates on the program's impact, as well as employee feedback, keeps everyone motivated and informed.



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HOW MIGHT THIS IMPACT YOUR BUSINESS?

With many SMEs currently recycling only a fraction of their waste, the legislation may seem daunting. Concerns include resource allocation, impact on operations, and associated costs. However, recycling can actually reduce waste disposal expenses, particularly as landfill taxes are set to increase by 20% in April 2025. By proactively adopting these changes, businesses not only avoid penalties but can save on waste management while enhancing their sustainability credentials—a win for the environment, employees, and customers alike. **Effective recycling practices benefit both the environment and your bottom line. Get a head start with the right recycling stations, clear signage, and educated staff for a seamless transition.**

WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T RECYCLE?

Routine checks by local councils and the Environment Agency are expected to increase, with enforcement officers looking for evidence of compliance. Non-compliance could lead to fines and penalties, adding urgency to the need for effective, easy-to-understand waste separation systems.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEPARATE OUT WILL INCLUDE:

Glass: such as rinsed empty drinks bottles and jars. **Metal:** such as drinks cans and food tins, empty aerosol cans, aluminium foil, aluminium foil food trays and tubes.

Plastic: such as rinsed empty food containers and bottles. **Cartons:** used for food, drinks and liquids. **Paper and cardboard:** such as newspapers and packaging. **Food waste:** such as egg shells, vegetable peels and leftovers

RECYCLING SIGNS

If you can't find the sign you need for your businesses' recycling programme let us know and we will be happy to quote for custom designs. We're able to manufacture on a wide range of materials (including eco-friendly) and signs sizes to suit your preference and / or budget.



1 6637 **M**
2 6637 **G**



1 6638 **M**
2 6638 **G**



1 6641 **M**
2 6641 **G**



1 6639 **M**
2 6639 **G**



1 6640 **M**
2 6640 **G**



1 6657 **M**
2 6657 **G**



1 6658 **M**
2 6658 **G**



1 6659 **M**
2 6659 **G**



1 6664 **M**
2 6664 **G**



1 6661 **M**
2 6661 **G**



1 6662 **M**
2 6662 **G**



1 6663 **M**
2 6663 **G**



1 6652 **M**
2 6652 **G**



1 6653 **M**
2 6653 **G**



1 6654 **M**
2 6654 **G**



1 6651 **M**
2 6651 **G**



1 6611 **M**



1 6644 **M**
2 6644 **G**



1 6660 **M**
2 6660 **G**



CUST 001 - Rigid Plastic - 600 x 200mm
CUST 002 - Self Adhesive Vinyl - 300 x 100mm
See page 9 for more details

RECYCLING SIGNS

Our WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) signage help businesses, local authorities, community groups and individuals identify bins / areas dedicated to recycling and reusing, and reducing food waste.



1 6631 **M**
2 6631 **G**



1 6632 **M**
2 6632 **G**



1 6634 **M**
2 6634 **G**



1 6635 **M**
2 6635 **G**



1 6636 **M**
2 6636 **G**



1 6646 **M**
2 6646 **G**



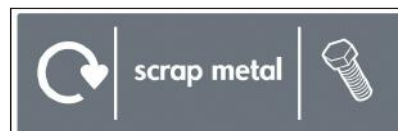
1 6647 **M**
2 6647 **G**



1 6645 **M**
2 6645 **G**



1 6649 **M**
2 6649 **G**



1 6650 **M**
2 6650 **G**



RECYCLING SIGNS

These signs provide the perfect solution for recycling areas, helping staff and visitors identify which items can be placed into which bin. Simply place on or above the relevant bins to minimise uncertainty and encourage staff and visitors to use the correct bins.



1 6617 ^H
2 6617 ^{AH}



1 6619 ^H
2 6619 ^{AH}



1 6618 ^H
2 6618 ^{AH}



1 6623 ^H
2 6623 ^{AH}



1 6625 ^H
2 6625 ^{AH}



1 6624 ^H
2 6624 ^{AH}



1 6673 ^{HQ}
2 6673 ^H



1 6674 ^{HQ}
2 6674 ^H



1 6676 ^{HQ}
2 6676 ^H



1 6675 ^{HQ}
2 6675 ^H



1 6677 ^{HQ}
2 6677 ^H

RECYCLING SIGNS

A range of recycling signs tailored towards the construction industry to ensure materials on site are disposed of correctly and to enhance the site's green credentials.



1 6602 KQ

5 6602 - Aluminium Roll Top - 600 x 400mm
(Hooks onto Scaffolding / Railings)



1 6601 KQ

5 6601 - Aluminium Roll Top - 600 x 400mm
(Hooks onto Scaffolding / Railings)



1 6604 KQ

5 6604 - Aluminium Roll Top - 600 x 400mm
(Hooks onto Scaffolding / Railings)



1 6607 KQ



1 6606 KQ



1 6605 KQ



1 6610 KQ



1 6608 KQ

5 6666 - Aluminium Roll Top - 600 x 400mm
(Hooks onto Scaffolding / Railings)



1 6609 KQ

CUSTOM ROLL TOP SIGNS

We can create custom roll top signs with your choice of messages. Manufactured from aluminium, these signs are highly durable, neatly hook over scaffolding, railings or handles and are easy to use / relocate.



5 6386 - Aluminium Roll Top - 600 x 400mm
(Hooks onto skip containers)

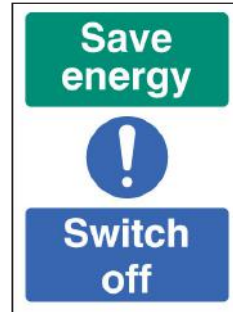


5 7127 - Aluminium Roll Top - 400 x 600mm
(Hooks onto skip containers)



ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNS

Encourage environmentally friendly protocols throughout the building with these small reminders to follow simple actions that can help to reduce waste. Can be located at sinks, switches and sockets.



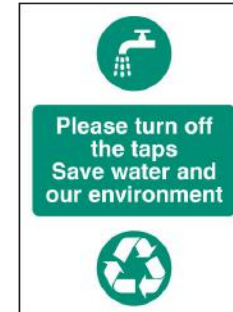
2 6036 **A**
8 6036 **A**



1 6629 **A**
2 6629 **A**



1 6628 **A**
2 6628 **A**



1 6622 **A**
2 6622 **A**



1 6620 **A**
2 6620 **A**
8 6620 **A**



1 6621 **A**
2 6621 **A**
8 6621 **A**

PUBLIC SPACES SIGNS

Remind staff and visitors of the need to dispose of any litter responsibly and to use the bins provided. Ideal for public spaces, canteens, and areas with high footfall.



1 5493 **KQ**



1 5495 **KQ**
2 5495 **E**



1 1743 **KQ**
2 1743 **K**



1 4518 **GM**
2 4518 **GM**



1 5640 **GM**
2 5640 **GM**



1 1773 **KQ**
2 1773 **E**



1 5492 **KQ**
2 5492 **E**

THINK GREEN SIGNS

Reducing water, energy and food wastage is critical to the protection of the environment. Help remind viewers of environmental policies and to promote a positive image. Environmental conservation is not just a responsibility but a necessity for the well-being of our planet, wildlife, and future generations. **We are able to manufacture all our signs on recyclable materials such as PET, fluted polypropylene, or aluminium.**



1 7150 H
2 7150 H



1 7151 H
2 7151 H



1 7156 H
2 7156 H



1 7157 H
2 7157 H



1 7146 H
2 7146 H



1 7148 H
2 7148 H



1 7149 H
2 7149 H



1 6625 H
2 6625 H



1 7152 H
2 7152 H



1 7155 H
2 7155 H



1 7153 H
2 7153 H



1 7147 H
2 7147 H

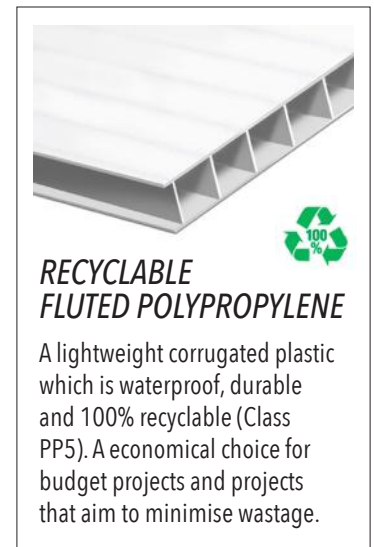


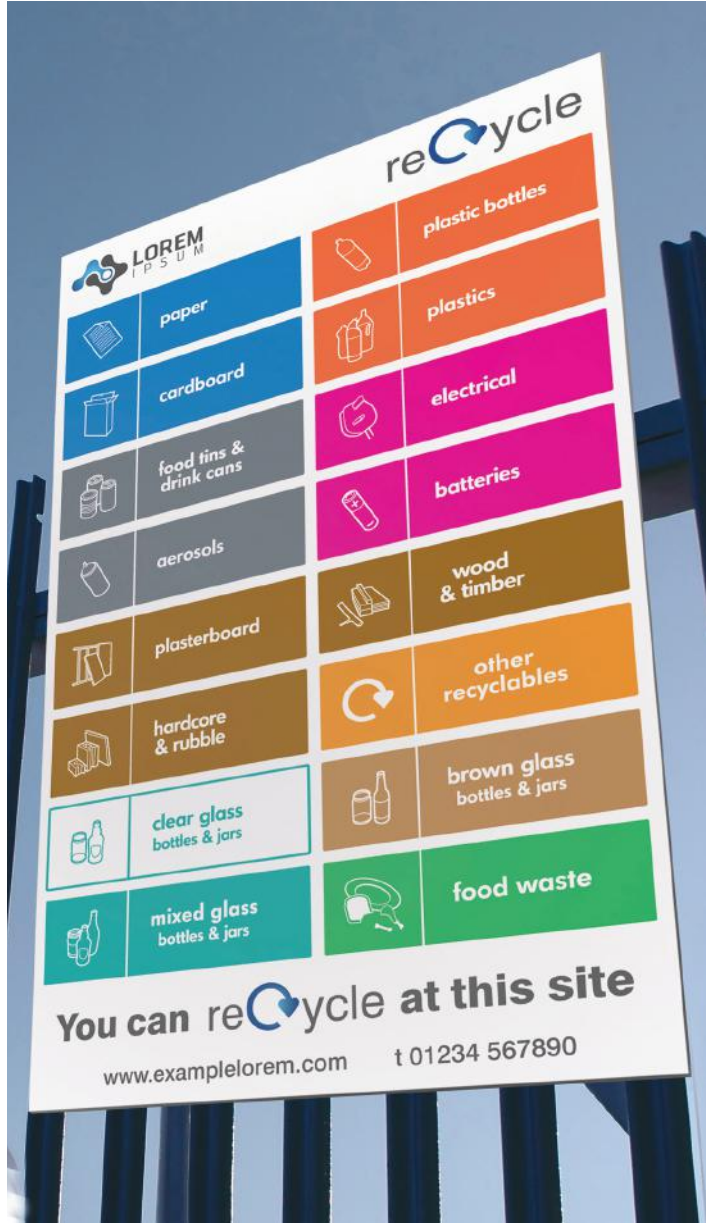
1 7134 QW

Fluted Polypropylene
600 x 400mm
5 7134



Fluted Polypropylene
400 x 600mm
5 7137





CUSTOM RECYCLING SIGNS

We can create custom signs for site specific recycling programmes. They can include company details, logos, images, and custom text, to help advise of a wide range of recyclable materials accepted on your site. Simply supply artwork or provide details of your required design and ask us for a quote. We are able to manufacture on a wide range of materials (including eco-friendly) and sizes to suit your preference and budget. Ideal if you need a sign to fit a specific bin.

When ordering a sign, consideration should be given to the environment it will be located within - is it internal or external? Select the required material from the grid below. This grid is not exhaustive so if you can't see the material or size you require, please contact us and we will be happy to quote.

EXAMPLES

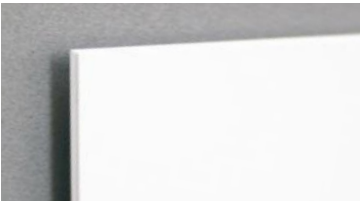


CODE	MATERIAL	CODE	MATERIAL	POPULAR SIZES			
CUST001	Rigid Plastic	CUST008	3mm Foam PVC	80 x 80mm	150 x 100mm	297 x 210mm	450 x 150mm
CUST002	Adhesive Vinyl	CUST009	5mm Foam PVC	90 x 60mm	150 x 150mm	300 x 100mm	600 x 200mm
CUST003	Photoluminescent Rigid Plastic	CUST010	3mm Aluminium Composite	100 x 75mm	200 x 75mm	300 x 150mm	600 x 400mm
CUST004	Photoluminescent Adhesive Vinyl	CUST011	0.9mm Reflective Aluminium	100 x 100mm	200 x 100mm	300 x 250mm	600 x 450mm
CUST005	0.9mm Aluminium	CUST012	PVC Banner with Eyelets	105 x 75mm	200 x 150mm	400 x 200mm	800 x 600mm
CUST006	2mm PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	CUST013	4mm Fluted Polypropylene	120 x 80mm	200 x 200mm	400 x 300mm	900 x 600mm
CUST007	Rigid Plastic with Adhesive Back			120 x 120mm	240 x 120mm	400 x 400mm	

MATERIAL INFORMATION

The first digit you see on our product codes identifies the material the sign is made from, an overview of which can be found in this section. Deciding on your sign message is only the first step. When ordering a sign, consideration should be given to where it is going to be displayed. Our guide below will help you to decide which material is best for your location and covers our most popular sign materials – this list is not exhaustive so if you can't see the material you require please contact our sales team and we will be happy to quote in a material of your choice.

RIGID PLASTIC - CODE: 1



A lightweight material with high impact strength, suitable for indoor and outdoor use. Easily drilled, white, glossy.

SELF ADHESIVE VINYL - CODE: 2



High gloss, flexible PVC with self adhesive backing. Suitable for most smooth, dry and clean surfaces.

ALUMINIUM - CODE: 6



Aluminium with gloss white powder coating. Ideal for both indoor and outdoor. Excellent weathering & UV resistance. A long-life product.

PET - CODE: 7



2mm Thermoplastic Polyester (known as PET) is high quality, recyclable, impact, fire and vandal resistant making it ideal for harsher environments.

QUICK FIX - CODE: 8




A rigid plastic surface provides a durable finish, whilst a strong self adhesive backing removes the need for drilling, screws or additional fixings.

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS - CODE: 5

Any product outside of our standard choice of material or size ranges begins with a 5. This may include items such as rolls of tape, sign frames, banners, or any sign requiring bespoke designs. It may include products using (but not limited to) PVC Banner Material, Fluted Polypropylene, Foam PVC, Aluminium Composite, Acrylic, Brass, 2-Ply Plastic, Reflective Vinyl, Synthetic Material and many more.

MATERIAL CODES	LANDSCAPE SIZES			PORTRAIT SIZES		
1 Rigid Plastic	A 100 x 75mm	J 400 x 200mm	U 100 x 100mm	A 75 x 100mm	J 200 x 400mm	U 100 x 100mm
2 Self Adhesive Vinyl	B 80 x 80mm	K 400 x 300mm	V 300 x 150mm	B 80 x 80mm	K 300 x 400mm	V 150 x 300mm
3 UltraBright Rigid Plastic	C 150 x 150mm	L 450 x 150mm	W 900 x 600mm	C 150 x 150mm	L 150 x 450mm	W 600 x 900mm
4 UltraBright Self Adhesive	D 150 x 100mm	M 600 x 200mm	X 200 x 100mm	D 100 x 150mm	M 200 x 600mm	X 100 x 200mm
5 Miscellaneous	E 200 x 150mm	N 400 x 400mm		E 150 x 200mm	N 400 x 400mm	
6 Aluminium	F 200 x 200mm	P 600 x 400mm		F 200 x 200mm	P 400 x 600mm	
7 PET	G 300 x 100mm	Q 600 x 450mm		G 100 x 300mm	Q 450 x 600mm	
8 Quick Fix	H 300 x 250mm	S 200 x 75mm		H 250 x 300mm	S 75 x 200mm	

OUR CODES EXPLAINED



- The bold number **(1 & 2)** at the start of the code represents the available materials
- The four digit number represents the sign code (4021)
- The letters represent the available sizes. Landscape are squares. Portrait are circles.



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