



918's Environmental Policy

Mission Statement

918 Coffee Co recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements.

We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our business strategy and operating methods, with regular review points. We regularly encourage customers and our suppliers to do the same. We are an environmentally conscious responsible sustainable coffee roastery.

We are passionate about both coffee and the environment ensuring one is not to the detriment of the other.

Responsibility

The Director is responsible for ensuring that the environmental policy is implemented. However, all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

Policy Aims

We endeavour to:

- Comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements
- Continually improve and monitor environmental performance
- Continually improve and reduce environmental impacts
- Incorporate environmental factors into business decisions
- Increase employee awareness and training

918 Coffee Co are a sustainable Coffee Roastery, roasting coffees from around the world to supply both green and roasted coffee to a variety of customers.

We strive to reduce the negative impact that the coffee industry has on the planet.

Lots of organisations are doing fantastic work in helping ensure the fair trade of coffee for the farmers and workers but little was being done once the coffee had been made, and the waste grounds 'knocked out'. There seemed no concern that we were dumping half a million tonne of coffee waste on our doorsteps each year.

That is the reasons and thought processes that led to the creation of Eco Roast Technology. Justin Cornelius, co-founder of 918 Coffee, invented, designed and built, the World's first Coffee Eco-Roaster. This technology harnesses the energy of the used coffee grounds to power our Eco Roaster. We developed this pioneering technology which reduces greenhouse gas emissions and creates zero waste, through a carbon reducing roasting process. The used coffee grounds are processed to power the Eco Roaster, producing an innovative, low-carbon method which turns a waste product into an asset.

Our customers who are part of this scheme retain their used coffee grounds for our collection at their next delivery. We never have an empty vehicle on the road!

The carbon reduction from the roasting process using the Eco Roaster is fantastic. In terms of sustainable achievements, in our company, not only do we have reduced energy bills as the Eco Roaster is connected to 5 large vents that heat the Roastery utilising the excess heat, but this has increased our turnover allowing us to employ more people and expand our business. It has also helped other businesses reduce their waste and associated costs by adopting such an easy process. The social impact is yet to be measured, it is a growing culture that needs to change.

Paper

We use a minimal amount of paper in the office and never print unnecessarily.

We shred our non-confidential paper, junk mail & cardboard and this is used as our packaging.

We only buy recycled and recyclable paper products.

We reuse all paper if possible, if not it is shredded for packaging.

Energy and Water

We seek to reduce the amount of energy used as much as possible.

We harvest the rainwater from our Roastery roof to wash our reusable Eco Tubs

Lights and electrical equipment are energy saving LEDs and switched off when not in use.

Heating is provided by our Eco Roaster as an exploitation of the roasting process.

The energy consumption and efficiency of new products are taken into account when purchasing.

Suppliers

We always evaluate if the need can be met in another way.

We evaluate if renting/sharing is an option before purchasing equipment.

We evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase.

We favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products wherever possible.

We reuse and recycle everything we are able to.

Transportation

We reduce the need to travel, restricting to necessity trips only.

We promote the use of travel alternatives such as e-mail or video/phone conferencing.

We make additional efforts to accommodate the needs of those using public transport or bicycles.

We favour 'green' vehicles and maintain them rigorously to ensure ongoing efficiency.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Cleaning materials used are as environmentally friendly as possible.

Materials used in office refurbishment are as environmentally friendly as possible. Wood from our used pallets is used in the construction of our offices and other suitable purposes.

We only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.

Monitoring and Improvement

We comply with and exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.

We continually improve and monitor environmental performance.

We continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.

We incorporate environmental factors into business decisions.

We increase employee awareness through training.

We review this policy and any related business issues regularly.

Culture

We involve staff in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance.

We update this policy at least once annually in consultation with staff and other stakeholders where necessary.

We provide staff with relevant environmental training.

We work with suppliers, contractors and sub-contractors to improve their environmental performance. One initiative we use is to reuse the packaging from our suppliers as our own packaging via either the boxes as a whole or by shredding and reusing as our own packaging.

We will use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO2 and help the community.

This is not an exhaustive list of all we do.

At 918 Coffee, one of our key ambitions is to remind all that - there is no such thing as Waste!

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