

Waste leaflet: Printer sector

Waste Categories

Paper

- **Southwark Commercial Waste** offers a recycling service and will collect paper for recycling (including white paper, catalogues and magazines/newspapers).
- **Other types of paper**
- Photographic paper should not be mixed with normal paper.
- Contact **Paper Round** for collection of mixed paper and other types of paper (e.g. brown, coloured copier paper).

Cardboard

- Broken down cardboard boxes can be placed in the paper recycling bins. Contact **Southwark Commercial Waste** for collection options.

Textiles/Canvas

- Unused textile and canvas can be donated to local schools, theatres, or art groups.

Chemicals/Solvents

- Make sure you know which of the chemicals you use (if any) are considered hazardous.
- Hazardous waste is banned from landfill. It is your legal requirement to register with the **Environmental Agency** if you produce such waste.
- Hazardous waste chemicals should be stored and collected separately by a legitimate carrier.
- Refer to the **Hazardous waste** leaflet from **CRISP** for more information.

Cartridges

- 60 million cartridges are used every year but less than 10% are recycled although most of them could be re-filled or remanufactured.
- **Hewlett-Packard** (HP) collects their own ink-jet and laser-jet cartridges. Contact **HP** for a collection box or pre-paid return for materials.
- For **EPSON** cartridges, return your cartridges to your nearest Epson Express Centre, which can be found at Epson's web site by adding your postcode to a search engine box.
- Donate used cartridges to charity (**cartridges4charity** or **OXFAM**).
- **Inkcycle** will pay up to £5 for selected cartridges.

Green Ideas

- Use less hazardous inks, such as water-based ones that do not contain metals.
- Convert to waterless printing instead of conventional wet lithographic processes. For more information see **Enviowise** publication GG391.
- Test inks and cartridges after expiration date before disposing of them. The product is often still good to use.
- Use refill kits so that ink cartridges can be reused.
- Use a cartridge supplier that will collect and recycle empty cartridges such as **Cartridge World**.
- Use plastic or photopolymer plates that contain little or no hazardous waste.
- More information on ink management for printers can be found in **Enviowise** publication GG163.
- Screen printers can refer to **Enviowise** publications GG060 and EG142 for efficient and cost-effective use of the solvents and other materials.
- **Enviowise** also offers a free and confidential advisory service on environmental and resource-efficiency issues.
- Contact the **BASE team** to get a free Sustainability guide containing tips and information on how to make your workplace more GREEN and how to save money.

Contacts

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www.southwark.gov.uk**Paper Round**

T: 020 7407 9100

www.paper-round.co.uk**Cartridges4Charity**www.cartridges4charity.co.uk**Oxfam: laserXchange**

T: 01873 859901

www.laserexchange.co.uk**Inkcycle**

T: 0800 652 7085

www.inkcycle.co.uk**HP London**

T: 0870 013 0790

<http://welcome.hp.com/country/uk/>**Epson Express Centre**

T: 0870 241 6900

www.epson.co.uk/support/express/index.htm**Cartridge World (local distributor and collector)**

T: 020 7582 8605

www.cartridgeworld.org**Enviowise**

T: 0800 585794

www.enviowise.gov.uk**Environmental Agency**

T: 0870 850 6506

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