

Waste leaflet: Retail sector

Waste Categories

1. **Packaging**
 - **Cardboard Boxes**
 - Flatten cardboard boxes and remove any tape.
 - Southwark Council collects paper for recycling. Broken down cardboard boxes can be placed in the paper recycling bins. Contact **Southwark Commercial Waste** for collection options.
 - **Polystyrene**
 - Polystyrene can be recycled into a variety of new items including replacement hardwood, coat hangers and picture frames.
 - Contact the **Expanded Polystyrene Packaging Group (EPS)** to find your nearest recycling point.
 - **Tissue paper**
 - Packaging paper cannot be recycled with normal paper.
 - Avoid 'over-packaged' goods and small containers where possible.
 - Reuse packaging paper for the transportation of returned goods.
 - **Garment plastic covers**
 - Plastic packaging accounts for 20% of the weight of all packaging.
 - Southwark Council does not currently collect plastic bags and packaging for recycling.
 - **WRAP** works with retailers to help them reduce their waste and gives ideas for a more sustainable business.
2. **Surplus stocks / goods**
 - Donate to your local charity shop. Contact the **Association of Charity Shops** to find one near you.

Green Ideas

- Reuse hangers or return them to the supplier.
- Ask customers if they need a carrier bag before giving one to them.
- Encourage customers to reuse bags or bring their own.
- Switch your carrier bag supplier to one that manufactures biodegradable plastic bags or uses paper carrier bags.
- Exchange your supplier for one that uses less packaging, so you can reduce the amount of waste your business produces.
- Contact the **BASE team** to get a free Sustainability guide with tips and information on how to make your workplace more GREEN and save money.

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