

Business Resource Efficiency Checklist - Packaging optimisation 6 of 6

Packaging optimisation for biodegradability/compostability

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Biodegradability			
If the packaging is to be composted, are the most appropriate biodegradable materials used?			
Does the biodegradable material meet the criteria and levels in BS EN 13432:2000?			
Is it possible to identify packaging made from biodegradable material and segregate it so that it is disposed of in the intended way at the end of its life?			
Once collected, could biodegradable waste be kept uncontaminated to increase its value?			
Is there any residual product in the packaging? If so, is it compostable?			
Does the packaging destined for composting contain anything that might be harmful to the environment during the biological treatment process (e.g. heavy metals)?			
Could you mix the compostable packaging (e.g. paper and board) with garden waste in outdoor windrows to produce quality compost?			
Could your local authority or waste management contractor take packaging waste for composting?			
Are you confident that the majority of the packaging will actually be composted? If not, then this may not be the best option from an environmental point of view.			

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Date	
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