



BT plastics policy

1 Scope

This policy applies to all BT people globally, our subcontractors and our suppliers.

2 Aims

As our environmental policy states, we aim to reduce the environmental impact of our operations. This includes our use of plastics and what we waste. This policy supports our environmental policy with specific intent and commitment to the issue of plastics.

Plastics are a major environmental problem given the amount of time they take to biodegrade and the negative impact they have on biodiversity on land and at sea. They are also made from fossil fuels, currently using around 6% of global oil production, projected to reach 20% by 2050.

This policy aims to achieve the following:

- By 2025 ensure that 100% of the plastic packaging we procure and send to customers can be reused, recycled or composted.
- Reduce our use of plastics, particularly single-use plastics. Single-use plastics are defined here as plastics that are used for a week or less before being wasted, eg. plastic cutlery
- Recycle more plastic, through both engaging employees and waste contractors, eg. uniforms, blue rope, drinks bottles
- Increase our use of recycled plastic. This will help stimulate the market for the plastic that we are recycling.

3 Guiding principles

- Plastics use is the responsibility of everyone in our business and supply chain – we all have a part to play and every action, even small changes, will add up to make a huge difference
- If you use single-use plastics in your area of the business or as part of what you supply to BT, you should consider sustainable alternatives
- For products made of plastic or that use plastic packaging, you should:
 - source plastic with recycled content

- source plastic that can be recycled/ reused/ composted at the end of its life
- As a business, BT will monitor how much plastic we are wasting to ensure that we are reducing our reliance over time. We will highlight and encourage:
 - parts of the business where plastic use has been reduced
 - alternatives to fossil plastics as innovation in the sector creates sustainable options

4 Reporting and assurance

BT monitors progress and publishes details of our environmental performance in our annual sustainability report each year. We will include progress on this policy as part of our reporting.

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