

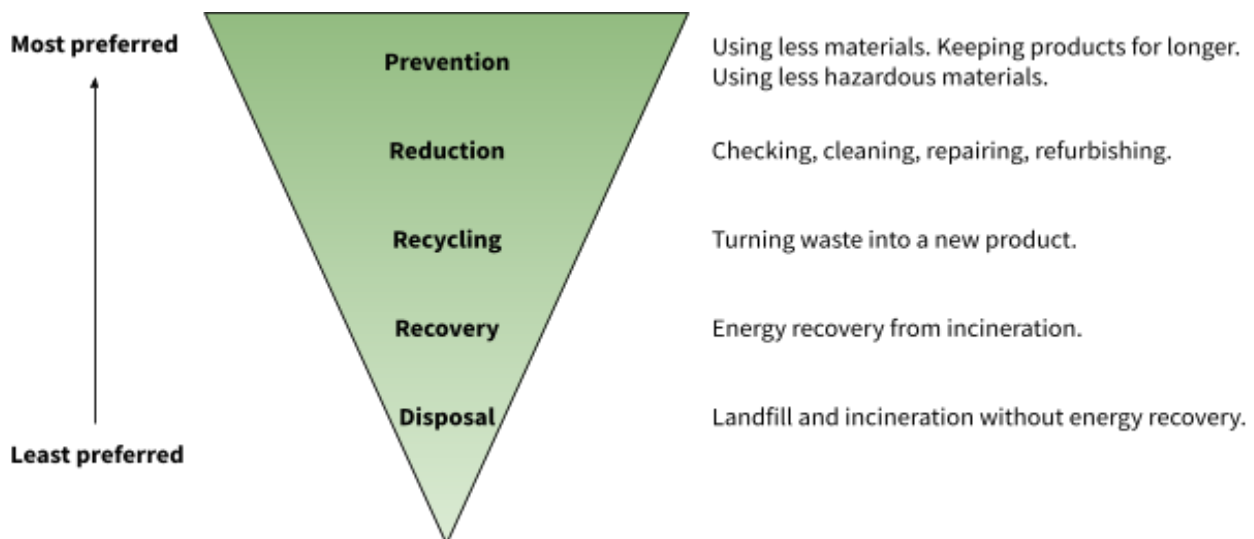


Green Procurement Policy

The Minster Equine Veterinary Practice is committed to sourcing and procuring 'environmentally preferable' products and services that meet current performance, safety and regulatory requirements.

By adopting this green procurement policy, The Minster Equine Veterinary Practice agrees to:

- Act in accordance with the waste hierarchy (see below), avoiding the unnecessary procurement of products and services where possible.
- Use the criteria set out below to make decisions relating to the procurement of goods and services.
- Review and, if necessary, update the policy on an annual basis.
- Share the policy with all staff making procurement decisions.



Green Procurement Criteria

The Minster Equine Veterinary Practice will consider the following criteria when making procurement decisions:

- Eliminating or reducing the procurement of products or services that have the most harmful environmental impact.
- Purchasing greener products available through existing suppliers, such as energy saving office equipment, biodegradable cleaning products, recycled content/FSC stationery and where appropriate, use reusable and refillable products.
- Selecting products which have certifications which recognise sustainability efforts e.g. FSC, Energy Star, etc.
- Procuring locally sourced/manufactured products where possible.
- Practicing good stock control to prevent the over-ordering of products.
- Considering vehicle emissions when organising stock deliveries to minimise delivery mileage.
- Actively encouraging suppliers to stock products and services that have minimum environmental impact and reduce the packaging in which products are supplied.
- Asking suppliers to provide clear information about the processes and materials used in their manufacturing processes, identifying any processes harmful to the environment and seek suppliers that are working towards the phase out of such practices.



It may not be possible to purchase a green alternative for every product or service. Compromise may be required. The Minster Equine Veterinary Practice will endeavour to:

- Address the significant environmental impacts of current procurement.
- Set targets and dates to achieve changes in purchasing practice.
- Engage colleagues responsible for procurement decisions with general environmental awareness and provide support for them to improve the sustainability of our supply chain.
- Work co-operatively with other departments and neighboring organisations to purchase environmentally sound products.

Abbie Pickles is responsible for the implementation of this policy and the monitoring of procurement activity in accordance with it.

The Minster Equine Veterinary Practice will make this policy available when requested to interested parties including members of the public - a copy is available on the website.

Signed:

Abbie Pickles

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