

ASDA Express Waste Management Strategy



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Introduction

At ASDA our vision is to achieve a zero-waste world in order to protect the natural environment, preserve biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions. To this end, ASDA has committed to targets to generate zero operational waste¹, reduce food waste by 20% and reduce packaging and drive 100% recyclability of what remains.

We therefore aim to minimise waste from food, packaging, and product, including wasted energy, road miles and natural resources. The management and minimisation of waste at our stores forms a key part of this vision.

The following waste management strategy outlines the ASDA approach to achieve these objectives at our express stores. It will cover how waste will be collected and stored to be processed sustainably and minimise loss of amenity for our neighbours.

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Waste Storage and Collection

The primary strategy to manage waste is avoidance, reuse, recycling and repurposing wherever possible. We are currently able to Reuse / recycle / repurpose 86.4% of all operational waste today with a target of 90% by 2025. As such we minimise the packaging sent to stores which in turn reduces the amount of waste to be stored and collected.

Additionally, ASDA utilise reverse logistics so most waste generated by the store including–card / plastic / food waste is returned to the depot via the delivery vehicle. This helps minimise waste build-up on Site and avoid additional trips from waste vehicles which would otherwise be required to collect the waste. By taking this approach we are able to minimise disruption to our neighbours, preserving their amenity and reducing the carbon emissions in the processing of waste.

Prior to the collection by the delivery vehicle, this waste is stored securely on Site. Depending on the store size and location, additional bins to keep waste prior to collection may be installed, although these general waste bins will be kept safely and out of Site from publicly accessible areas wherever possible to reduce the potential for loss of visual amenity to neighbouring properties.

Other Waste Management

Other forms of Hazardous waste such as batteries, electricals would be collected directly from the store around once a quarter. This waste would be stored within the Site and kept secure.

¹ Asda definition of zero waste is 90% diversion from landfill and incineration (including energy recovery) or 90% of operational waste reused, redistributed or recycled. See more at <https://www.asda.com/creating-change-for-better/better-planet/waste>

Summary

- ASDA aim to reduce, reuse, recycle as much waste as possible to achieve our strategic objectives and protect the environment.
- Waste generated at our express stores is stored safely and securely on site until it is collected by delivery vehicles and returned to the depot.
- In the case of hazardous waste, the items are stored on site and collected directly.
- The management of waste at our express stores aims to minimise the disruption and loss of amenity for our neighbours.