

# 10 QUICK SUSTAINABLE WINS MANUFACTURER

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## 1 AUDIT MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Audit your manufacturing process identifying any quick wins (reduction of hazardous substances, reduction of excess electricity etc.), and identify any long term wins that can be taken to management for approval or incorporated over time.

## 3 LONG TERM PLANS

Look for any longer term wins and build them into business plans for future product development – for example, the percentage of recyclable material in each product, and the ease of recycling it from the consumers perspective.

## 5 DAILY ROUTINES

Investigate how any changes in your daily routine may positively impact your operation. For example:

-Could staff start 30 minutes earlier (or later) in order to avoid rush hour traffic giving them a more efficient and lower stress commute?

-Are you aware of the costs of your power consumption at different times of day and is it possible to reschedule part of your daily routine around that?

## 7 RIDE SHARE PROGRAMS

Investigate creating or utilising ride share programs for employees or offering incentives for the use of public transport.

## 9 ENGAGE WITH PRODUCT DESIGNERS

Engage product designers to seek out opportunities to use more environmentally friendly materials with longer lifetimes and better recycling opportunities.

## 2 CRADLE TO CRADLE PROCESS

Understand the cradle to cradle process of each product that you manufacture and have someone audit for any quick wins - maybe product packaging type to ensure best material use, or packaging size to ensure optimum shipping on global pallet sizes.

## 4 AUDIT CHEMICALS USED

Audit the chemicals used throughout your facility from common types such as spray paint or different adhesives through to any specialist materials that are used. Source data on the environmental impact on each item and see if better alternatives can be used instead.

## 6 INCENTIVE SCHEMES

Investigate any regional or national incentive schemes that may be available to help improve your environmental impact. This could be free recycling programs that are available for certain materials that would normally be disposed of in general waste, financial incentives for creating more energy efficiency in your buildings (low or zero water use toilets, solar panels, heat exchangers etc.)

## 8 PRODUCT PACKAGING

Audit your product packaging to ensure best use of materials to protect your product in transit, but also ease of disposal for the customer.

## 10 AUDIT SUB SUPPLIERS

Audit your sub suppliers to ensure that they are also running their business to the same standard as you are running yours.

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