



Waste Management Policy

Raw Tipis intends to break the wasteful norms of the event industry by putting in place a waste management policy to minimise the purchasing and use of single-use plastics and hazardous waste. In the meantime, we will ensure all waste is safely and responsibly disposed of. Raw Tipis aims to produce zero waste in landfill by 2030.

Responsible Purchasing Practices

Raw Tipis understands that the way to minimise waste is to purchase goods and materials responsibly, avoiding the need for recycling practices or waste ending up in landfill. A study from Greenpeace in 2022 found that just 12% of UK households' plastic packaging gets recycled. From the very beginning of Raw Tipis journey, we have put a number of practices into place to reduce the amount of plastic purchased; these include:

Waste Type	Waste Reduction Measure
Cable Ties - single use	We only use velcro cable ties for our event set-up, these can be used over a hundred times.
Packaging - Single use	For any large orders, we request from the supplier that they do not get sent in excessive plastic packaging, or we offer our collection services to avoid all packaging.
Food and drink packaging - Single use	We ask all of our workers to bring reusable bottles and packaging for their lunches to eliminate all waste in the warehouse and on-site; this is also stated in our onboarding document.
Wood	We design and build many furniture items in our workshop, we always buy second-hand wood and materials when possible. When it is not possible, we ensure all wood is FSC Certified or sustainably sourced.
Furniture & Decorations	For the furniture we do not design and build ourselves; we try to buy it second-hand. Or, if buying new, we always try to choose products made from natural materials, usually, jute, rattan or bamboo, as these have a less carbon-intensive life cycle.
Electrical	We purchase all of our technology from used condition, and we resell or donate any unwanted tech to give it another life.

Further Reductions

Raw Tipis recognises that single-use plastic packaging from suppliers' products is the main factor stopping the success of a zero waste target; we will continue to work with our suppliers to get closer to this ambition.

Tracking Our Waste

All Raw Tipis waste passes through our warehouse; we track our waste through a simple tally system used by all team members detailing how many sacks go to landfill and how many are recycled.

Responsible Disposal Practices:

We ask our workers to take any food and drink waste home with them. All recyclable materials we take home for our home recycling service, and all non-recyclable waste is collected weekly from our warehouse location. We ensure all materials and hazardous waste are sold rather than disposed of when possible, but when unavoidable, we take all materials and hazardous waste to the local council to dispose of.

Our Waste Disposals

Because of the practices put in place, we have very minimal waste. Raw Tipis' monthly waste collection in high season looks like this:

Waste Type	Average No. of Sacks
Plastic Recycling	2
Cardboard Waste	6
General Waste	2

Third-Party Waste Practices

Raw Tipis recognises that, while this policy covers the waste of our own operations, there is also a significant amount of waste produced by the event itself and its attendees. Waste management is featured in our Conscious Event Planning Guide to educate event hosts and planners on how to minimise and dispose of waste responsibly.

This Policy is to be managed by Co-Founders Cam Mizen and Geoff Mizen.
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