

# THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT

## 9-15 MARCH

### TIPS FOR TACKLING PLASTIC WASTE IN YOUR WORKPLACE

It can be challenging for businesses to know where to start when it comes to reducing plastic within the workplace. We've put together some ideas to help get you started.

#### 1. TAKE PART IN THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT (9-15 MARCH 2026)

Encouraging your employees to join in the UK's biggest people-powered investigation into household plastic waste is a great way to get them thinking about the plastics crisis and how they can take action. By counting every piece of plastic packaging we throw away, together we'll uncover the true scale of the UK's plastics crisis and call on the government to do more about it. [Sign up here!](#)



#### 2. IDENTIFY YOUR GOALS

Put your company's environmental goals in writing. Create a company plastic plan that holds you accountable and outlines how you plan to reduce your plastic waste over the course of the year. Print it out and display in the office.



#### 3. PEOPLE POWER

Appoint an environmental taskforce to develop and implement a strategy. You can also keep colleagues informed on relevant environmental info, such as news, legislation, campaigns and petitions that they may want to get involved in. Make sure that all staff receive training and guidance on environmental protocol in the office.

## 4. AROUND THE OFFICE

- Replace plastic products with refillable and reusable alternatives - like mugs, glasses, cutlery and crockery.
- Encourage colleagues to bring reusables to work, or ask about making these available for staff to use, especially for any office parties or celebrations where disposable plastic products are often used instead.
- Consider having a box of tupperware that people can borrow if going out to pick up lunch to take away. These can then be washed and returned to the box ready for someone else to borrow.
- Put together a simple chart or poster that shows how rubbish should be disposed of, what is recyclable and what isn't. Display this around the office - particularly near the bins.



## 5. PROCUREMENT PLANNING

Ask your facilities team or internal decision-makers to review your company's plastic footprint. This could also extend to your suppliers and the clients. Ask any suppliers you have about switching to alternative, non-plastic packaging options, if possible.



## 6. LEVEL UP YOUR PLASTIC ACTION

- Use environmental awareness days, such as Plastic Free July, Earth Day or World Environment Day, to highlight the plastics crisis and raise awareness of your company's goals and actions amongst employees. Consider inviting guest speakers, hosting film screenings and having team discussions.
- Offer incentives for staff. Create goals at a team level or company-wide to reduce your plastic waste over a set period of time, and offer rewards for hitting targets.

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