


Simpson Arboriculture Ltd Environmental Policy

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Related Regulations	HSAWA 1974 MHSWR 1999 The Environment Protection Act 1990 The Environment Act 1995 The Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 Control of Substances Hazardous to Health 2002
Annexes and Supplementary Info	None
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Responsible Person Signature	

Environmental Policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Simpson Arboriculture Ltd are committed to providing a quality service in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for our employees and minimises our potential impact on the environment.
- 1.2 Simpson Arboriculture Ltd recognises and fully embraces the need to compliance with the law and to achieve continuous performance improvement.
- 1.3 Simpson Arboriculture Ltd will ensure that all of its existing and proposed activities comply with present environmental legal requirements and instigate actions to bring about changes for compliance should legislation change. This shall be applied throughout the range of services undertaken by the company.

2. Scope

- 2.1 The Environmental policy aims to promote and implement the policy by;
 - 2.1.1 Complying with all relevant legislation in this area and applying this through the range of services undertaken by the company:
 - Commercial tree services
 - Domestic tree services
 - Site vegetation clearance
 - Contract chipping
 - Firewood processing
 - 2.1.2 Environmental risk management for our activities throughout the life cycle of a project to avoid or minimise any impact on the environment or the communities we share it with.
 - 2.1.3 Using materials and energy efficiently in the production and delivery of products and services.
 - 2.1.4 Monitoring performance and setting targets for improvement.
- 2.2 This policy applies, to all employees, contractors and agency staff working on company premises.

3. Responsibilities

3.1 Managing Director Responsibilities

- 3.1.1 Overall responsibility for the implementation of the policy.
- 3.1.2 Integrate the consideration of environmental concerns and impacts into all decision making and activities.
- 3.1.3 Continually improve our environmental performance and minimise the social impact and damage of activities by periodically reviewing our environmental policy in light of our current and planned future activities.

3.2 Environmental Manager Responsibilities

- 3.2.1 Promote environmental awareness among employees and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner.
- 3.2.2 Train, educate and inform employees about environmental issues that may affect their work.
- 3.2.3 Reduce waste through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable, or re-furnished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical, and suitable.

- 3.2.3 Promote efficient use of materials and resources throughout the workplace; including water, electricity, raw materials, and other resources, particularly those that are non-renewable.
- 3.2.4 Avoid unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products, seek substitutions when feasible, and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored, and disposed of.
- 3.2.5 Where required by legislation or where significant health, safety or environmental hazards exist, develop, and maintain appropriate emergency and spill response programmes.
- 3.2.6 Communicate the environmental commitment to clients, customers and the public and encourage them to support it.

3.3 Employee Responsibilities

- 3.3.1 Adhere to the policy and instruction provided to ensure good environmental procedures are in place and used effectively.

4. Policy

- 4.1 The company acknowledges the products used and produced have an environmental effect at a local and worldwide level.
- 4.2 Simpson Arboriculture Ltd will continually review all forms of internal and external materials, emissions, substances, fuels, and other pollutants brought, produced, or sold by the company. This review will be instrumental in controlling, reducing, and preventing pollution.
- 4.3 The environmental policy will be communicated to all employees together with information and relevant training to build a company philosophy of continued improvement in environmental performance. Sub-contractors will be made aware of the company environmental policy and actively encouraged to participate in its aims.
- 4.4 We seek to achieve these goals by company employees following specific guidelines in the purchasing of materials and products, the use of materials and the disposal of waste products. These are reinforced by an active two-way communication, with staff and clients, which encourages their input and ideas.
- 4.5 The company shall ensure that no pests and diseases are transferred from one site to another as a result of our operations. Please see Biosecurity Policy (Section 36)
- 4.6 Environmental Impact Assessments of working area will be conducted prior to any works taking place to ensure there are no protected species or habitats in the immediate vicinity of the works.
 - 4.6.1 Appropriate advice shall be sought from qualified ecologists or other specialist if specific environmental interface issues are identified before, during or after operations.
- 4.7 The company shall ensure that the working culture encourages constructive conservation.

5. Training

- 5.1 Regular toolbox talks will be conducted on the importance of environmental protection.

6. Monitoring and Review

- 6.1 The policy will be reviewed annually, unless required sooner due to change in legislation or the like.
- 6.2 At the start of any project, considerations will be taken to ensure Simpson Arboriculture Ltd is working in line with the legislation and guidance. This will be reviewed as appropriate throughout the project.