



The environment

working together to reduce our impact



*We are on a mission to be
the greenest supplier and to
help you reduce your impact
on our amazing planet.*



Step by step



New compactors to join the 7 we already have on-site.



Waste segregation at source and sent for recycling.



Solar Panels makes the site carbon neutral.



Recycling forklifts by reusing the entire chassis. We use battery powered versions as opposed to diesel.



CO₂ monitor time clocks and advanced ventilation, controls eliminate wasteful energy consumption.



Auditing Suppliers and pushing for progress.

The press love a headline...

Plastic found in fish

Phosphates are bad for the rivers

The problem is that the alternatives can be even worse. Yes, we should look critically at the products and see what we can do, but there is a great danger that we jump out of the frying pan and into the fire of environmental doom. Just because there are problems with plastic, does not mean that paper is better in every case.

Environmental progress does not begin with recycling.

It begins with REDUCE and we feel that is very important to recognise and PUT REDUCE AT THE FOREFRONT OF ALL THAT WE DO. The second step is REUSE and in third place is RECYCLE.



How to do a lot more for the environment with a lot less

We are all keen to “do our bit” for the environment and make the right choices when it comes to the products that we buy.

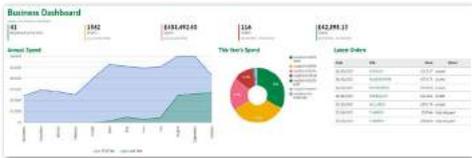
Practical steps that you can take to REDUCE

Circle time is a management technique that was developed by Toyota to help them understand what was really happening on the production line. We all think we know what is going on, but if you actually stop (stand in a circle - the Japanese used to literally draw a circle on the floor) and watch a cleaner prepare their trolley and do their work, you will see all sorts of unimaginable ways of reducing the usage of cleaning products.

Monitor usage - has your usage gone up, gone down? Why. Finding out ‘Why’ will help you keep usage under control and make sure that you do not use too much. It is also useful for your spend too. All customers of Gompels have access to a dashboard that shows the usage of products they buy and let them see in just a few clicks if it is increasing or decreasing.



Analytics helping you to drill deeper into purchase history.



Get a quick overview of annual spend from your Dashboard, the figure is updated with every new order placed.



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Eco-indexing explained

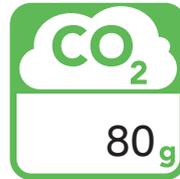
Product eco-index rating

The eco-index rating of each product has been selected by us, based on its packaging, material and recyclability. The lower the number, the more environmentally friendly it is. You can find this on the product page for products rated 1-3.



CO₂ scores

The CO₂ scores have been carefully calculated by the product weight, packaging and material percentages. This can also be found on the product page and helps us calculate your total CO₂ usage on your dashboard.



The Eco leaf

The eco leaf can be found in the search results on our most environmentally friendly products. This is so you can easily identify and choose the more eco-friendly option.



More products coming soon!

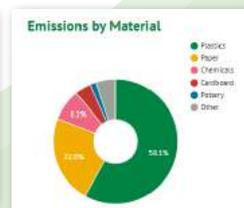
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How much have you used?

If you can't measure it, you can't improve it.

Environmental Dashboard - working towards a cleaner planet

A rigorous exercise conducted by an environmental researcher has enabled Gompels to classify the environmental impact of all stocked products. Gompels now has the ability to calculate and score each product with an emissions rating. A brand-new Environmental Dashboard allows users to see their carbon emissions based on their purchasing decisions.



Customers will be able to compare sites and use that information to help make improvements to their environmental impact. Every little change will add up and over time they will be able to monitor their improvements - it's a win win.

Gompels supporting your environmental efforts.

Carbon Offsetting

The process of compensation for CO₂ usage by funding projects that reduce CO₂ elsewhere in the world.



5 reasons to carbon offset with Gompels

1. We calculate the CO₂ emissions for each product allowing you to offset at the checkout.
2. You don't need to register your details elsewhere, let us handle the paperwork.
3. Download and display your free certificate to show your commitment to becoming CO₂ neutral.
4. You are providing much needed support to communities around the world.
5. We are partnered with a leading company (ISO certified) with high-quality projects.

Community projects we are supporting

Darfur Cookstoves

The project replaces 3 stone fires with EzyStove® facilitating 40% in wood savings. The stove also reduces smoke particles that are harmful to the eyes and lungs by 70% as well as promotes other socio-economic benefits.



Uganda Borehole

The Borehole project is a micro project in Uganda, providing a source of clean drinking water to a local community.

As well as the natural health benefits it means that families no longer have to boil the water, saving firewood and thereby preventing carbon emissions from being released.



A typical £150 order costs £1.12 to offset the CO_{2e} of the products supplied.

Thailand Windpower

The project generates clean electricity with utilization of wind energy. The project consists of 30 Wind Turbine Generators (WTGs) of 3.0 MW capacity each. The WTGs are installed in the Nongwang sub district of Thepharak district Nakhonratchasima Province in Thailand.

The project activity leads to an emission reduction of 148,089 tCO₂ per year or 1,480,890 tCO₂ for the chosen crediting period of 10 years.



UK Tree Planting and Protecting the Amazon

Planting is a great way to help sequester carbon emissions. Through photosynthesis trees absorb carbon dioxide to produce oxygen and wood. By ensuring that the trees planted are native broad leaf species you can help to preserve the UK's environment and biodiversity. Planting takes place in school locations and other biodiversity sites. All trees are high quality cell grown 'whips' (year old saplings).

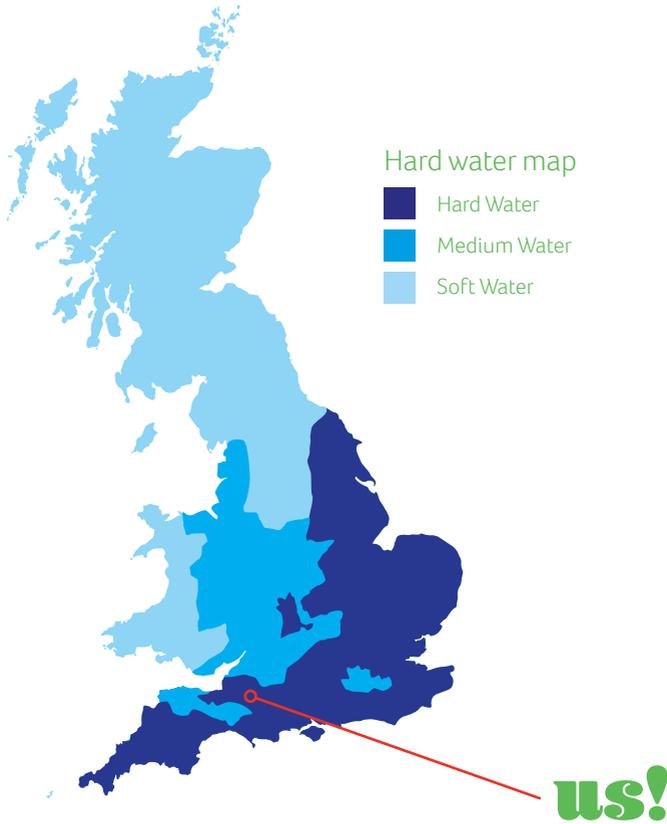


More information about any of these projects can be found on our website. www.gompels.co.uk

Following a QAS approved carbon footprint calculation, our projects meet the requirements under the Quality Assurance Standard (QAS) for Carbon Offsetting. Our partner is audited to ensure all offset sold are retired on appropriate registries within 12 months of your purchase.



Do you know your water?



There is no doubt that areas of hard water need and use more chemicals than soft water areas. Dosage rates rarely take this into account, so if you live in a soft water area, try reducing the amount of laundry products and see if it still works well.

Remember, never mix chemicals and always read the label.

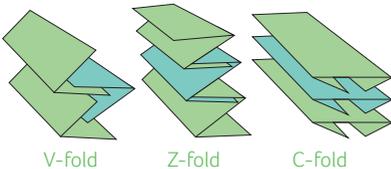
What do we think...

We like

-  Compostable products far more than biodegradable, recycled plastic rather than virgin.
-  Concentrated chemicals rather than ready to use
- less plastic, transport and wastage.
-  V-fold and Z-fold towels rather than C-fold
- less clumping as feed one by one.
-  Carefully monitoring usage and getting the team on board too.

We don't like

-  Lots of small deliveries when 1 per week should be plenty - That's why we continue to charge delivery for small orders.
-  The difficulties associated with plastic recycling, its seriously difficult to make it work.
-  Finding discarded face masks in the countryside.



Tissues and towels

Have you ever seen someone pull metres and metres of product for a tiny spill?

Sadly, the only really effective technique we know is education. Make it a point to raise in a staff meeting. Please take only 1 sheet and if that proves not to be enough, take another. Dispensers can help, but they will never stop the hungry monsters from pulling and pulling.



Recycled tissue is easy to spot because it is greyer and usually has little black spots in the tissue. This is because it comes from recycled printed paper (newsprint etc) and some of those little letters cannot be easily removed.



Virgin paper versus recycled paper

Tips for hand towels

Make sure you have a system that feeds from the dispenser, v-fold and z-fold are much better.

There are little towels for little hands in V-fold format and a dispenser to match.

Provide two bins in the bathroom. One for the recycling of hand towels and one for other waste. The hand towel bin probably does not need a new plastic bag every day!

Z-fold paper towels



Nappies and cloths

Huge strides have been made in reducing the impact of nappies. As a result, our manufacturers have reduced:

- Weight by 33%
- Energy use by 17%
- Water use by 38%
- Manufacturing waste by 55%
- Carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions by 10%



Wash cloth wonders

If you are looking for a dry cleansing wipe, then airlaid tissue maybe the answer.

- Soft and absorbent
- Maintains strength when wet
- Make your own water wipes

Eco Index Rating



Wet wipes

Our Gompels biodegradable feather soft wipes are the environmentally friendly.

- 100% biodegradable
- Natural viscose
- Compostable



Eco Index Rating





Infection control

It does not get much better than **100% + 100% + 10%**

One of our best selling products has just taken a huge step forward and is now one of the most environmentally friendly trigger sprays in the world.

A 100% recycled bottle that is 100% recyclable and uses 10% less than the one it replaces.



Plastic-free wipes

Get the job done with our plastic-free antibacterial wipes

- Alcohol free formula
- Natural viscose
- Effective against E.Coli



Eco cloths

Plastic-free packaging and natural viscose make these cloths a fantastic eco-alternative...

- Renewable viscose fibres
- Recycled and recyclable box
- Zero plastic
- Same amazing stength



Super sacks

After 14 days the bag should degrade by 55% and then after 45 days it will degrade by 97%, as long as it is disposed of in the correct composting conditions.

- Certified to EN 13432
- 40 litre volume
- Great for food waste

Each bag carries the compostable seedling logo and is approved for use with council food waste recycling schemes.



