



SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES OF BACKLOAD MOVING COMPANY

The very purpose of this business is to reduce empty truck running on our roads, and so pass the cost savings on to customers wanting to move, and increase the efficiency of the transport industry. The effects of this will reduce emissions, road wear and tear, and improve our carrier suppliers' bottom line.

- Backload Moving Company is a web-based business and is therefore a low-consumer of unnecessary resources
- We are a home-based business so do not travel to work
- Backload Moving Company runs as best as practicable a paper-free office, the only printing being that required for Inland Revenue auditing purposes (Tax Invoices and the like)
- Any printing done at Backload Moving Company is done using minimal ink (printer default set to draft, black ink only) and where possible, recycled cartridges
- We recycle all printable paper and re-usable envelopes including that which is received into the office via incoming mail
- We print both sides of the paper
- All non-recyclable paper (i.e. because it contains personal or confidential information) is shredded and composted
- Where possible we purchase only recycled paper or paper that has not been chlorine bleached
- All correspondence including invoicing is done utilising e-mail to avoid unnecessary use of paper
- We encourage our debtors to pay by internet banking to avoid use of further paper and envelopes, cheques etc, and travel to banks and Post Shops
- Office lighting is by eco-bulb and heating by heat-pump
- We encourage our customers to donate their unwanted furniture to the Salvation Army Family Stores, giving it another life and at the same time assisting low-income families and producing income for the Salvation Army's charity work
- We encourage our carriers to take part in the Salvation Army Family Stores initiative by offering to deliver for free, any unwanted goods
- We are working towards introducing a 'virtual packaging recycle depot' on our website whereby customers can post their used packaging for pick up and re-use by another customer. This will be an entirely free service for all concerned.
- Office errands (collection of PO Box mail, banking etc.) are done on a 50cc scooter, our home office being within the town of Warkworth, and trips kept to a minimum
- We seek to form alliances with suppliers and complementary services who are also on the sustainable business practice journey