

# Wasting away...

**Tillomed Laboratories are one of the largest independent packaging and sales pharmaceutical companies in the UK.**

Tillomed were interested in accessing Business Envstor services as they wished to raise awareness throughout the organisation about packaging and waste and try to reduce the financial and environmental costs associated with these through better management.

Business Envstor training was the first step towards achieving this, and after Jeff Wysocki attended the CIWM Waste Awareness and the CIEH Environmental Management training he had the tools and skills to implement the following initiatives to reduce Tillomed's waste:

- White A4 paper is printed on both sides whenever possible and any items which only have print on one side are re-used as fax paper or in individual printers
- Storage containers, such as blue barrels and bins are re-used by other individuals and companies as water butts, animal feed storage or to take medical aid to third world countries
- Cardboard boxes are re-used for packing finished goods
- Broken pallets are sent for repair and re-use
- Waste bubble wrap and pallet wrap cut up and used for packing out delivery boxes
- Plain white cardboard is given to play groups for use in art work
- Timber packaging from new machines used to build cycle shed and outside store.
- Even more materials are sent for recycling, now including all boxes which are damaged or dirty, all other paper, post-it, magazines, news paper, aluminium drink cans and used fluorescent tubes and bulbs are returned to supplier for recycling

***“Waste management is not an option, it’s a must, and it only required a little action. This results in both environmental and financial benefits. The first step for me was to join the BeMS program, where knowledge, information and support helped me to build the skills required for a sound Waste Management program.”***

**Jeff Wysocki, Production H&S Manager, Tillomed**

Through these initiatives Tillomed have managed to reduce their waste to landfill by 50%, which is a reduction of 10,560 kg per year.

And Tillomed are not content to sit on their laurels, they are looking to continually improve their performance by looking at manufacturing waste on their production packing lines and trying to find avenues to recycle other materials currently going to landfill.

For more information on Business Envstor services and support, contact us on 01733 897780

