

Zero Waste Week Scorecard

Zero Waste Week (3rd September—7th September) is all about raising awareness of how much waste we generate whilst using the campaign to focus on reducing it – it’s free to take part in and fun! Taking part in ZWW is a great way to engage your staff in reducing the impact of waste on the environment.

This scorecard pits you against your colleagues to make you think about how much waste we generate, encourage you to make waste free options and see who can generate the least waste during the week! Each day you and your colleagues should keep a short diary which documents how much waste they create. For instance, do you buy a loose broccoli, or is it wrapped in protective plastic film? Different offences are worth different points—listed below. At the end of the week, the person with the least points shall be declared the Zero Waste Champion! Feel free to add your own offences to the list. You could even award positive points for making good choices. Have fun and good luck!

The scorecard has been created by [Athene Communications](#), a Peterborough-based PR and communications agency, and Investors in the Environment Green Award Winners in 2016 and 2017.

Point System

| 1-Point Offences | 2-Point Offences | 5-Point Offences | 10-Point Offences |
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| Printing a document (1 point per sheet of paper) | Buying fruit or vegetables in plastic bags/boxes | Sandwich carton/food wrapper | Buying a drink in a plastic bottle |
| Leaving a computer monitor on when you leave your desk | Grocery packaging (e.g. cereal boxes) (2-points per item) | Can of soda | Placing a recyclable item in the waste bin |
| Leaving an office light on when the room is empty | Online orders—excessive postage packaging | Crisp packets | Needing a plastic carrier bag for your shopping |
| Leaving the printer on/not using sleep mode when nothing is queued | Buying physical train tickets (where online versions are available) | Polystyrene containers | Using a disposable coffee cup |
| Wasting a slice of bread | Taking a receipt (when unnecessary or it could be emailed) | Ordering a takeaway | Using or buying a plastic straw |
| | | Disposing of food waste that could be composted | |