

Guidance on Packaging Recycling



Wherever possible and without affecting product quality, Intersurgical aim to use minimal, select packaging that can be recycled. The disposal of the product packaging will depend on the customer's waste policy. Intersurgical also aim to use packaging with recycled content wherever possible, for example our cardboard cartons contain at least two thirds recycled content. This guidance is to help our UK customers understand how they can reduce their environmental impact and to follow the waste hierarchy principles to reduce, reuse and recycle packaging wherever possible.

Why Recycle Packaging?

Recycling packaging has several benefits to the customer and the environment. These include:

- Conserving resources¹ – When used materials get recycled and are converted into new products this reduces the amount of new raw materials used and helps conserve these for the planet and future generations.
- Saving Energy¹ – Recycling used materials uses less energy than if you were to create a new product using raw materials, this includes the energy saved throughout the supply chain of that new product.
- Protecting the Environment¹ – Recycling is known to reduce greenhouse gas emissions due to reducing the need to extract new raw materials.
- Reduces Landfill Waste¹ – Recycling used materials into new products avoids sending packaging waste to landfill, which can contribute to greenhouse gas emissions.

Our customers can play a vital role in reducing environmental impact by recycling their packaging waste. The following information is to help our customers reduce, reuse and recycle their packaging waste within the UK.

- Guidance for customers on what can be recycled currently within the UK: Recycle Now [what to do with page](#)
- Guidance for businesses on disposing of waste packaging correctly: customers can refer to the Government [Dispose of Business or Commercial Waste page](#)
- Guidance for the disposal of home care product range and home environment product packaging: [Recycle Now Local Recycling page](#)

Recovery and Recycling Packaging Symbols

The following are example recycling symbols that can be found on Intersurgical packaging, please see below for more information.



Mobius Symbol² indicates that the packaging item or its material is part of a recovery or recycling process.



WEEE Recycling symbol indicates that electrical items should be recycled and not be placed in general waste. For more information on what to do with electrical items please see the Recycle Now [What to do with Electrical Items page](#) or refer to Intersurgical product IFU.

For more information on Intersurgical packaging symbols, customers can refer to the Intersurgical Packaging Symbols document. This can be found on our website within the [Intersurgical Support Page](#).

For further information regarding these and other packaging recycling symbols that customers may find on packaging, customers can go to [Recycle Now Recycling Symbols Explained page](#).

Waste Strategy Guidance

Within the United Kingdom, the individual countries, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland have created National Waste Strategies that outline how they plan to manage increasing amounts of waste effectively moving forward. Customers can see the relevant national strategy below.

- For further information on the current Strategy for England customers can go to [Our Waste, Our Resources: A Strategy for England](#)³
- For further information on the current Scotland Zero Waste Plan customers can go to [Scotland's Zero Waste Plan](#)⁴
- For further information on the current Wales Waste Strategy Guidance towards zero waste customers can go to [Welsh Assembly Government Municipal Sector Plan](#)⁵
- For further information on the current Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy customers can go to the [Northern Ireland Waste Management Strategy](#)⁶

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