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WELCOME to the latest edition of the Recovynyl Newsletter. In this issue we include a feature article on Yorkshire Windows, a company having great success with its recycling drive together with the latest news about the Recovynyl initiative.

## Post-consumer PVC volumes grow

Initial audits for 2006 indicate that there is strong growth in volumes of type B PVC being processed by Recovynyl recyclers. Waste PVC is categorised into two classes by Recovynyl in the UK. Type A is waste from the installation process, such as mis-measured gutterings or trimmings from the installation of flooring. Type B is post-consumer use PVC such as plastic items removed during demolition or refurbishment. Recovynyl have offered greater incentives for the collection of type B material and the increased tonnages clearly show this has been a success.



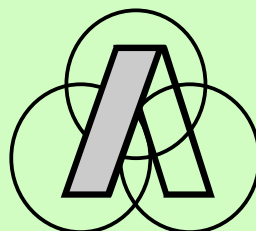
## Recycled PVC for sale?



Marley Plumbing and Drainage are manufacturers and suppliers of above and below ground drainage, water supply and ventilation products. Their purchasing manager, Mick Ambrose, contacted Recovynyl in search of supply sources for re-ground, recycled PVC. The company is keen to use recycled PVC in the manufacture of its products to increase its environmental credibility with its customer base. Anyone with good quality, grade A reground material for sale should contact Mick Ambrose, Purchasing Manager, Marley Plumbing and Drainage, Dickley Lane, Lenham, Maidstone, Kent. ME17 2DE Tel: 01622 858888.

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## Recovinyl Member: Yorkshire Windows

Yorkshire Windows recycles over 85% of the total waste it produces as a company. The company manufactures



and installs sealed PVC window units and employs over 150 people in its factory in Rotherham. It became a member of Recovinyl as part of a company objective to improve recycling, in order to take advantage of increased awareness of environmental issues within its customer base. As a result, Yorkshire Windows has secured a number of major contracts worth several million pounds, stretching over the next 5 years. In addition, recycling has enabled the company to reduce its waste disposal costs. Steve Cousins, Production Director explained: "We examined our waste costs and found them to be horrendous. We were paying top whack for everything and it was all going to landfill."

The company contacted Recycling Action Yorkshire (RAY), a not-for-profit regional organisation set up by Yorkshire Forward, dedicated to encouraging recycling across Yorkshire. RAY provided free support in the form of business consultancy and technical expertise, enabling Yorkshire Windows to begin recycling waste on a large scale and gain ISO 14001 2004, a quality system for



environmental management. Steve Cousins explained "One of the things that makes Yorkshire Windows different is that we've not only addressed the production waste from our factory, which is quite easy to do, but

we have addressed the issue of installation waste which is much more complicated because it contains a greater diversity of waste."

RAY introduced the company to Recovinyl and Merritt-Plastics - a Recovinyl recycler, as well as collectors for glass and wood waste streams. The company negotiated collection by Merritt Plastics. As Steve Cousins said "They have been really good. They come every week to collect the plastic waste, they pay every week, on the dot." As the Recovinyl Recycler, Merritt inputs all the data onto the Recovinyl website passing on incentive

payments from Recovinyl to Yorkshire Windows, when the tonnages have been independently audited.

Yorkshire Windows consulted RAY regarding recycling a range of waste materials. Steve commented: "As a result of our work with RAY and other consultants, we have expanded upon our existing waste handling license to establish an Environment Agency-approved waste transfer station." The company now recycles paper, cardboard, glass, wood and plastic. Steve explained how it works: "Any waste we make on a job gets loaded up and brought back to our own site. It is then deconstructed and sorted into different streams - plastic, glass, wood etc. The streams are then sent for recycling."

The company recycles over 22 tonnes of wood a month, over 4 tonnes of post-production plastic, 5 tonnes of post-consumer use plastic, 13 tonnes of production glass



and almost 40 tonnes of recovered glass per month. Overall this equates to over 85% of its total waste. In 2005, Yorkshire Windows sent 1700 tonnes of waste to landfill. Steve explained "We are working hard to redirect that to recycling. 85% of what we are producing is now recycled. Our customers are driving this. To get any work with local councils for example, you need to demonstrate that the waste is dealt with in an environmentally-friendly way. By doing this, we are reducing our waste costs and satisfying our customers' demands for environmentally-friendly waste disposal."

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