

Focus: Cost savings with increased recycling rates

Sector: Logistics

Outcome: Improved sustainability | cost savings

SLIM JIM® RECYCLING STATIONS DELIVER FOR DPD'S SUSTAINABILITY GOALS WITH



REDUCED COSTS & LESS WASTE



As one of Europe's leading parcel groups, DPD delivers over **260 million parcels** each year with a team of **15,000 people** operating over **10,000 vehicles** from **84 depot locations**. Passionate advocates of corporate responsibility, DPD has implemented numerous sustainable working practices in recent years, including deploying **over 2,000 low emissions vehicles** across Europe. The team, however, wanted to do more to reach their aspiration of becoming "the greenest delivery service on the planet". Working in collaboration with Rubbermaid Commercial Products (RCP) and Lyreco – the international distributor of workplace products and services – using RCP's free online environmental audit tool, DPD were able to quickly highlight the environmental and business savings that could be made.



Together, the team identified the most troublesome sites in terms of recycling and waste, where lack of consistent compliance with DPD's best practice recycling procedure was causing an issue. Visits to these sites confirmed that switching to more effective recycling stations would have a big impact.

With a pilot scheme rapidly green-lit, and six tonnes of waste diverted from general waste disposal within the first months of Slim Jim® Recycling Stations being introduced to the pilot sites, proof of concept was clear.

The effective and space-efficient recycling systems were rolled out across **14 further facilities** as part of a staged installation process which will see the remaining sites upgraded in the coming months.

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INVESTMENT RECOUPED WITHIN A YEAR

Within the first year, DPD had already **boosted its recycling rate by 48%** at six key sites. Every month, at each site it's installed, the recycling system **diverts an average of 0.5 tonnes away from general waste disposal**. On completion of the roll-out across all DPD sites, **over 500 tonnes of waste** every year will be diverted to the circular economy rather than going to general waste disposal.

"Introducing Slim Jim® Recycling Stations has made a tangible difference with residual waste reduced by a third on the sites where the bins have been installed and individual sites achieving **recycling rates over 90%** against our achieved business target of 70%. What's more, it's a move that makes clear financial sense. In addition to environmental savings, **we're seeing 27% cost savings** of not sending waste to general waste disposal, which means we will recoup our investment within a year."

Olly Craughan,
Head of Sustainability for DPD



Let's do this together