



## Environmental Policy

Walkers Oakfield Nurseries and Plant Centre is a wholesale and retail nursery operating from a 15 – acre site in Chester. It is a family run business and has been operating for over 45 years.

The Garden Industry is a net contributor to the environment in the UK. The core of the garden industry is environmental enhancement through the propagation, planting and maintenance of plants. Not only are plants entirely organic but they contribute oxygen, take up carbon dioxide and provide habitats for the nation's flora and fauna. However we recognise that all businesses have an impact on the environment. We take great care within our business to reduce the impact we have on the environment, from minimising energy and chemical use, packaging and other consumables to recycling as many materials as we can.

Specifically we will

- Comply with the requirements of environmental legislation and approved codes of practice and continuously seek to improve our environmental performance.
- Collect and reuse all our plastic trays, pots and labels.
- Control and minimize our waste, making full use of available recycling schemes.
- Monitor our energy and fuel consumption, adopt sustainable supplies where possible and improving efficiencies.
- Consider the environmental impact of our purchasing decisions and where possible working with local suppliers
- Raise awareness of the environment amongst our employees through briefings and appropriate training to promote best practice.
- Work with suppliers and customers to identify environmental improvement.
- Ensure the prevention of pollution.
- Reduce where possible our reliance on peat and only use peat not extracted from sites of Special Scientific Interest.

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