



LEADING THE WAY IN
**ENVIRONMENTAL
RESPONSIBILITY**





We don't
follow in the
footsteps of
others...

...we lead the way

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Corporate responsibility initiatives are a key element in our overall business strategy.”

Peter Ventress

Chief Executive Officer, Berendsen plc

At Berendsen, we recognise our responsibilities to our people, the environment and the communities in which we operate.

We have focused resources and investment on reducing our usage of key input materials, mainly water, chemicals, electricity, oil and gas. We have succeeded in making substantial reductions in our water usage and our use of energy, validated and recognised by the Carbon Trust

Commitment through action

Through reducing our impact on the environment, we help our customers to meet their own environmental targets.

Choosing Berendsen as a supplier evidences customers' commitment to the environment and demonstrates that the textile services element of their supply chain has shown a considerable reduction in CO₂ over recent years.

To help customers assess their environmental impact, we can provide statistics which will show how much CO₂ reduction has been achieved for a given customer based on the volume of textiles they have used.

“Berendsen have an exemplary record of investments in energy efficiency”

The Carbon Trust's independent assessors

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MEANS MORE



WHICH MEANS

LESS
CO₂

Controlling Carbon Consumption

Berendsen is proud to have been one of the first companies in the UK to be awarded the Carbon Trust Standard Certificate to recognise our environmental achievements. We set targets for carbon reduction every year, focusing on all aspects of our operation including production and transport.



- We have installed equipment which recovers heat from our boilers' exhaust gasses and uses the recovered heat back in the boiler.
- We check boilers continuously to ensure maximum efficiency, for example using flue gas thermometers to alert us immediately to any change.
- Our innovative wash processes leave less moisture in the textiles, reducing the energy needed to dry them.
- Our vehicles are restricted to 62mph for vehicles up to 3.5 tonnes and to 52mph for vehicles over this size, resulting in greater fuel efficiency and road safety.
- To reduce air flow drag on our larger vehicles, we have reduced their height by 6 inches and introduced side collars.
- Each of our largest double-decker 'teardrop' vehicles replaces at least two smaller vehicles.

Reducing Water Consumption

As one of the first four companies in the UK to be awarded the Carbon Trust Water Standard, we helped to pilot the scheme to measure, manage and reduce our water use year-on-year. Spending over £2 million on new equipment and processes, we've more than halved our water usage since 2005 with up to 75% of our water now being reclaimed and reused.

- We monitor every machine at every processing facility during every shift to identify water usage.
- Most of our operations benefit from water recovery systems which have led to falling consumption averaging 20-25% across the sites involved.
- We use simple neutralising agents to remove chemicals from our water, rather than high volumes of rinse water.

EACH YEAR
WE'VE SAVED OVER
1 BILLION
LITRES



that's enough to fill

400

OLYMPIC SIZED
SWIMMING POOLS



Every drop of water is precious, which is why we go to so much effort to preserve it.

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Our services include:



Workwear

We rent, launder, maintain and deliver workwear to a wide range of private and public organisations across many sectors.



Cleanroom

We offer a range of cleanroom garments, goggles, cleaning systems, floor mats and consumables.



Healthcare

We provide linen and textile services to public and private healthcare organisations.



Mats

Our floor protection mats reduce the dirt brought into our customers' premises, saving on overall cleaning costs.