

Green Achiever Newsletter

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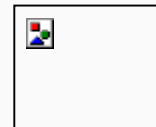
Welcome to the Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the May edition of the Green Achiever newsletter. We hope you find it interesting. We welcome feedback so please feel free to drop us an email at deb@e4environment.co.uk.

This month we're focusing on the hot topics of plastics and air pollution. We hope you find this newsletter useful - if so, why not share it with a friend?

Thanking you for your loyalty,

Green Achiever & E4environment



The On-Going Campaign to do away with Plastics

Following the huge response to Sir David Attenborough's Blue Planet and the outcry around plastic waste more and more companies are finding ways to reduce their use of single-use plastic. On the 2nd May, the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) announced it will use recyclable paper straws for the 2018 Wimbledon tournament. Further, in a bid to cut the number of plastic bottles used by spectators, 87 water re-fill points and 21 water fountains will be available for use at the event. This represents a 93% increase in water points from 2014.

On the same day, AccorHotels announced plans to eliminate plastic straws from restaurants, bars and cafes in its 125 hotels by June 2018. The company joins hoteliers such as Malmaison and Hotel du Vin, in banning the products.



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Legislation Updates



It seems that a lot of organisations are finding alternatives to using single-use plastics now that the profile and public conscience has been raised. The Government is consulting on introducing a specific tax system - the consultation is open for responses to 18th May

at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/tackling-the-plastic-problem>

If you have single-use plastics in your company have you asked yourselves whether it's necessary or whether there's an alternative approach you could be taking?

Air Pollution - actions being taken to reduce it

In March the Government had their plans to tackle air pollution deemed unlawful - for the third time. The demand is for more action to be taken more quickly - for example to have clean air zones in more cities than proposed and for these to be introduced more quickly than proposed. Watch this space for version four of the Air Quality Plan.

In the meanwhile, the Government has introduced the [Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#) . These will affect any company who have air conditioning systems and they introduce civil penalties for infringements of the 2015 substantive regulations. New penalty limits have been introduced of:-

- up to £200,000 for an intentional release of F-Gases or a failure to comply with enforcement.
- up to £100,000 for breaches of measures to minimise leakage ie. not maintaining a regular schedule of air conditioning system maintenance by qualified engineers.
- up to £50,000 for failure to keep records.

So if you have an air conditioning system then ensure you have a regular maintenance schedule in place and keep appropriate records.

England: Waste - [The Environment](#)

[Agency has issued a position statement regarding waste carrier, broker and dealer registration renewals due after 25 March 2018.](#)



Scotland: [The Water Environment](#)

[\(Miscellaneous\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017 amend Schedule 3 to the 2011 Regulations, with new rules for storage of liquid fertilisers, sewage sludge, digestate and oil.](#)

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