

Pallet recycling scheme hailed as "overwhelming success"



Building supplies company Jewson has introduced the pallet recycling scheme across its 500 branches

Timber and building materials supplier Jewson has claimed that its initiative to recycle over 13,000 pallets each week has been an "overwhelming success".

Launched in December 2008, the scheme targets pallets from both the Jewson branch network and those collected from customers' sites in a bid reduce the numbers being sent to landfill at a collective supply and disposal cost of around £4 per item. Jewson backhauls the pallets across its 500 branches, and from its network of delivery sites, on empty lorry space after delivery, with the pallets then taken to one of three Jewson Timber Distribution Centres at Grangemouth, Newport and Hull.

Pallets are returned to suppliers by European Logistics Management Ltd., Jewson's partner in this initiative, for reuse.

Rod Leigh, procurement manager at Jewson and the scheme's creator, said: "There are the environmental benefits brought about by reusing existing materials, negating the need to produce more of the same; the lorry miles are significantly reduced through the collection of pallets on return journeys; and less material is sent to landfill."