

OVERVIEW

Selco Builders Warehouse is a UK based builders' merchant with a dedication to:

- Reducing site waste to prevent health and safety risks and maintain yard space.
- Implement a regular and reliable pallet collection service from the South East sites.
- Receive weekly collection analysis of pallet volumes collected per individual store.
- Identify the most environmentally sustainable solution for site wooden packaging wastes.



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CHALLENGE

Selco Builders Warehouse operates over 40 sites across the UK, a large proportion of which are located in London and the South East. The business promotes a convenient store design showcasing a vast range of products for the building trade. These products are delivered to stores on wooden pallets of varying size and limited reuse potential.

Selco had a pallet collection arrangement in place however poor service due to missed collections meant valuable space on their sites was being taken up by the wooden packaging.

Supported by regular collection analysis and a trustworthy and dependable collection company, the key challenge was to meet a demanding schedule for weekly pallet collections whilst ensuring a seamless transition to the new service. The stores sought to maintain yard space and reduce the risk of health and safety incidents whilst encouraging an environmentally sustainable solution for the waste wooden packaging collected.

SOLUTION

RPS was approached to implement an effective and reliable pallet collection schedule for the Selco stores. After understanding the site locations RPS created a tailored collection route so each store had a collection allocated that suited their busy day to day operations. Each week the same collection time is fixed

providing reliability and confidence that a collection will take place when required and avoid the store's yards being cluttered with used pallets.

RPS purchased two dedicated vehicles for the purpose of these collections. This was to maintain a reliable service, rather than accommodating important scheduled collections into existing traffic plans.

To help promote environmental sustainability for Selco's used pallets, RPS sorts each load and allocates them as pallets that can be reused, pallets to be shredded and recycled or pallets that could be returned to Selco's original suppliers. The latter supports sustainable packaging reuse, a preferable waste hierarchy option over recycling. If a pallet has reuse potential RPS will save it from the shredder.

The pallets that cannot be reused or returned to Selco suppliers are either recycled or used in energy recovery. The wooden packaging waste is shredded into wood chip and converted into suitable biomass fuel or recycled into animal bedding and other chipboard products.



CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"The quick and reliable implementation of the RPS collection service has been a great success for our business. Collections are on time, in full and each site maintains a clean and tidy yard, important for our health, safety and environmental responsibilities."

CC, Facilities Co-Ordinator, Selco Builders Warehouse

RESULTS

- Dependable pallet collection service delivering exceptional on time, in full record.
- Effective environmental process to segregate reusable pallets.
- Estimated annual collection of over 88,000 pallets for reuse or recycling.
- Maintains valuable yard space.
- Basis to roll-out collection service to UK wide Selco sites.