

Apple Manufacturing Facility

Cork, Ireland

Apple has been operating its Cork manufacturing facility since 1980. A number of activities are carried out at Apple's Cork facility including manufacturing, customer service, onsite partner operations and facilities management.

Environmental Management System Assessment

The last external audit of the Apple Cork manufacturing facility was conducted in December 2005 to assess conformance to ISO standard 14001-2004 for Environmental Management Systems (EMS). As part of standard operating procedure, internal audits are conducted by a cross-functional team of process and subject matter experts on a routine basis. These audits assess the facility's conformance to the onsite environmental management system and compliance to applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

In 2005 Apple's internal auditing group completed comprehensive audits on March 6, October 28 and December 12. Apple management last reviewed the EMS in November 2005. The company's audits and other assessments have identified no instances of non-compliance or non-conformance.

Apple has implemented a number of programs at the Cork facility to reduce the environmental impact of our operations. Examples of recent improvements include the installation of duplex printers and photocopiers to minimize paper usage, the implementation of a program encouraging employees to conserve electricity and the introduction of a new cafeteria waste reduction process which has reduced the volume of food waste by more than 50 percent.

Apple requires that third party suppliers complete a survey that is analyzed and evaluated by Apple to ensure that suppliers meet strict environmental requirements. Additionally, Apple ensures that all facility contractors receive a copy of its environmental policies and procedures and continually audits work practices to ensure compliance.

Environmental Performance Results

Cork Manufacturing Facility	2004	2005
Recycling	204,246 kg	171,360 kg*
Hazardous Waste	246 kg	245 kg
Non-Hazardous Waste	284,136 kg	213,552 kg
Electricity	9,337,781 KWh	9,360,455 KWh**

* Reduced recycling amount is due to lower amounts of packaging received from component suppliers

** Increased electricity usage is in line with the facility's expectations based on additional operating hours and headcount. When 2005 electricity usage is normalized against 2004 there is an 8 percent year-over-year decrease in KWh/person

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