

Yate Supplies

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At the recent **Foodservice Packaging Association** FPA – www.foodservicepackaging.org.uk Annual Awards ceremony attended by over 180 of the leading manufacturers and distributors in the Catering Disposables market place, Yate Supplies www.yatesupplies.com were nominated in two key categories.

Against major competition from five multi-national manufacturing customers **Yate Supplies** were selected as overall winner of the **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD**, because of a sustained ethos of environmental awareness and the introduction of a green range www.maxima-green.co.uk of cleaning chemicals and recycled paper products, the judges were unanimous in awarding this prestigious accolade.

Derek Aston Managing Director of **Yate Supplies** submitted the following application to the FPA.

“Here at Yate Supplies we have taken our responsibility in environmental matters very seriously. However as a medium sized company in a competitive distribution market place our initiatives are commercially limited, but very simple things create an amazing effect in the business. I list just a few:

1. Our waste pallet wrapping from goods coming into the business has been recycled by our refuse sack manufacturer for over 4 years.
2. We have been involved in a Carbon Offset Scheme for all delivery van emissions for over 2 years.
3. All our delivery drivers have attended a SAFED driving scheme, which encourages fuel efficient driving skills. **Safe And Fuel Efficient Driving Techniques**
4. We encourage customers to accept non paper invoices/statement etc.
5. Our Environmental policies are clearly transparent on our website, as are all our Environmental initiatives.
6. Customer overprints, such as paper cups/obsolete stock are donated to The Children’s Scrap Store for use in schools and charities, rather than to landfill.
7. We collect from rural collection points, Jumpers and Knitwear on behalf of the charity ‘Jumpers for Joy’, as our vehicles deliver in those areas, then are redelivered to their Headquarters for distribution in Eastern Block and African countries.

BUT, our main initiative has been the commissioning of a major report on green issues that is readily available, via our website. This has coincided with the introduction of a range of Green Chemicals and Paper Products used extensively in the catering industry.

To promote this initiative we have also developed a unique website, CD Rom and Brochure to help customers make a considered choice when looking at these everyday products.



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Major clients including Airlines, Cruise lines and Motorway service areas, use these products as a product of choice, taking into account their own corporate responsibility.

And, most important of all we do not charge a premium for these products.”

David Kitchener of **Café Business**, Chairman of the judging panel, said “**Yate Supplies** demonstrated how they had embraced the key criteria required. All their programmes and initiatives will give a genuine environmental benefit and involve internal and external programmes. They should be simple and therefore easily transferred to other distributors and manufacturers in the Foodservice Packaging Industry. All of the activities in **Yate Supplies** clearly indicated they are not one-off activities and are a blueprint for other members to aspire to.

In the **Distributor of the Year** category, for the third time they were amongst the top three of 23 UK distributors, following an independent survey of over 1700 customers, looking at all areas of service and training.

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