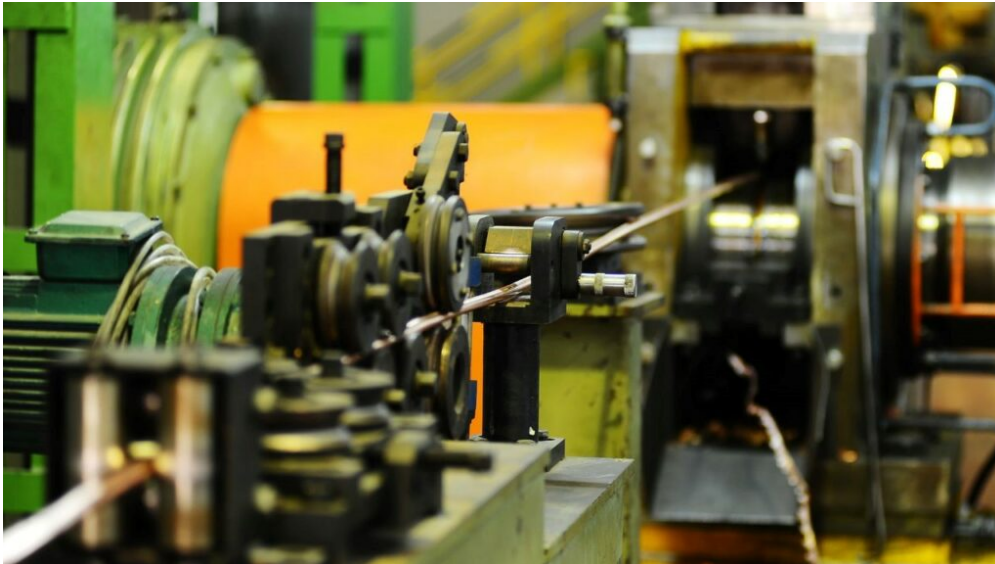


How can businesses dispose of machinery sustainably?

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Sustainability has become a key focus across many industry sectors, with businesses constantly reviewing and reevaluating their processes to improve their carbon footprint.

Due to many large corporations having the responsibility to adhere to strict and regular fleet renewals and machine upgrades, machinery is often left unwanted and needs to be removed as soon as possible. Target green credentials and a responsibility to comply with commercial waste regulations, mean that disposing of machinery is not as simple as taking it to a landfill site, and if disposed of incorrectly could lead to serious consequences.

To help advise you on how to remove unwanted machinery sustainably, and following a 56%¹ increase in search interest for 'machinery recycling' in the last two months, online auction specialists [BPI Auctions](#) have shared advice and tips for sustainable machinery disposal.

One of the most beneficial options is selling unwanted machinery through an auction. Whilst the machinery may seem outdated, small or new businesses have smaller funds when purchasing machinery and rely on second-hand equipment to expand their capabilities. Selling through an auction is an easy solution to securing funds whilst not managing the selling process yourself. Many online marketplaces, such as BPI Auctions, do not require items to be transported for auction, reducing travel costs and fuel consumption.

Unwanted machinery doesn't have to be sold in the state it's in. Stripping machinery for parts can be an easier way to sell, which may even secure more funds than selling it as a whole. Owners of the same or similar machinery may require parts and don't wish to forfeit money on expensive new components. Using the machinery to sell parts can help you and other business owners to ensure existing machinery is used as long as possible.

Machinery manufacturers or retailers understand that their products won't be needed forever, and many have plans in place to prevent their products from being left as unnecessary and in some instances harmful waste. Take-back schemes are organised by manufacturers to collect used products from customers and reintroduce the materials to the original manufacturing cycle. This process allows the used machinery to be turned into new equipment and avoids added landfill waste.

Whilst selling to the public can be an ideal option, approaching local businesses that use similar machinery could also be a suitable option. Looking for local buyers first can make removing the item easier and reduce costs for delivery and transportation.

Henry Spencer, Chief Operating Officer at BPI Auctions, shared, "Businesses are continually updating their machinery collections with the latest technology. This can lead to outdated and unwanted machinery that businesses need to remove promptly."

"Whilst there may be some immediate removal options, businesses must be sustainable and dispose of equipment responsibly. Auctions are an easy way to clear unneeded equipment and machinery whilst making additional funds. Auctions are also a greener disposal solution and ensure the machinery is being used for its purpose for a longer period of time."

For more information about sustainable machinery disposal, visit:

<https://news.bpiauctions.com/how-to-dispose-of-machinery-sustainably>