

News Release

20 June 2008

FENSA urges homeowners and businesses to save money by recycling

As part of national recycling week recently, FENSA is urging everyone, homeowners and businesses to recycle. There are many benefits of recycling for everyone which include:

- **Saving money:** Some local authorities are looking at adopting methods for charging homeowners who do not recycle sufficiently. Homeowners who recycle, help to demonstrate to local authorities that they are capable of being environmentally responsible, and do not need to be monitored or regulated. Businesses face increasing landfill and general waste management and disposal charges for their trade waste.
- **Fight Climate Change:** Recycling helps conserve important raw materials and protects natural habitats for the future.
- **Great for the environment:** Recycling reduces the environmental impact of our homes and businesses. Recycling waste materials enables them to be used again in new products and applications, instead of going to landfill where they generate harmful greenhouse gas emissions. For example; glass is 100% recyclable and can be endlessly recycled with no loss in quality.

Local authorities usually offer homeowners free recycling collections and drop off points locally. Both homeowners and businesses can go onto the following websites and input information (e.g. postcode) to find their nearest local recycling service:

- Wrap's Recycle More website at www.recycle-more.co.uk (homeowners and businesses)
- WRAP's Recycle Now website www.recyclenow.com (mainly for homeowners but useful info for businesses) Wrap's Recycle Glass web database - www.recycleglass.org.uk (businesses)
- WRAP's SME Recycling Programme at www.recycleatwork.org.uk (businesses)
- British Plastics Federation Recycling Directory www.bpf.co.uk (businesses)
- Recovinyl - www.recovinyl.com (businesses)
- Dekura www.dekura.co.uk (businesses)
- The Environment Agency's Waste Recycling Directory at www.wasterecycling.org.uk (businesses)

As Jon Vanstone, Director of Registered Businesses, FENSA commented 'As a community, we are mostly aware of the benefits of recycling and wish to adopt more green practices at home and in business. To help translate these green desires into recycling behaviour, FENSA has compiled the above list as a starting point to make it easy for everyone to find local recycling information that is relevant to their home, trade and business. This is particularly significant for smaller businesses that are less likely to have contracts with recycling companies to recycle their trade waste. If you are a FENSA Registered Business, we would urge you to act as a positive example to industry and embrace these recycling schemes. Now is the time to reduce, reuse and recycle your trade waste.'

For further information on recycling generally, please go to the Energy Saving Trust www.energysavingtrust.org.uk or WRAP www.wrap.org.uk. Information on FENSA is located at www.fensa.org.uk.

- ends -

For further information contact:

Sheit Lan Man, Marketing, FENSA Tel: 020 7645 3715

Further Information:**FENSA**

- FENSA is the widely trusted, Government-authorised scheme which enables companies that install replacement windows and doors to self certify compliance under the Building Regulations.
- FENSA Registered Businesses represent an estimated over 90% of installers within England and Wales.
- FENSA has over 9000 Registered Businesses.
- FENSA has sent over 5.8 million homeowner certificates
- Over 24% of households in England and Wales have used a FENSA registered installer.
- FENSA Registered Businesses need to meet certain eligibility criteria which include:
 - Making a commitment to comply with all laws statutory regulations and Building Regulations in force.
 - Providing the consumer with a warranty or guarantee conforming to the requirements laid down by FENSA from time to time and covering the cost of completing rectification work in respect of defect
 - "Offering" an independent insurance policy conforming to requirements laid down from time to time by FENSA to customers to cover their guarantee should they for whatever reason cease to trade. In addition where deposits are taken it is a compulsory requirement that indemnity insurance is put in place at the time that the deposit is taken from the consumer.
 - Making a commitment to comply with statutory health and safety, and waste disposal, requirements.
 - Maintains adequate employer's liability and public liability insurance