

Hair and Beauty checklist

Air

- Are extractor fans, or ventilation ducts sited to avoid causing a nuisance to neighbours?
- Can you use blow driers where they do not stir up dust and fine hair?
- Do you use hair and beauty products that minimise harmful chemicals such as ammonia and solvents?
- Do you use soy or beeswax candles rather than paraffin wax?
- Do you use tables and work stations with downdraft ventilation?
- Have you investigated fitting air filtration systems that remove fine hair, nail dust, vapours and odours?

Efficiency

- Have you started to monitor your energy use?
- Have you started to monitor your water use?
- Have you started to monitor the amount, and types, of waste you produce?
- Have you written an environmental policy, that states your commitment to reducing impacts?
- Do you research ethical products and materials?
- Have you identified where you use electricity and water most?
- Can you make changes to how you work that will save resources and money?

Materials and equipment

- Do you store chemicals, such as hair dyes, nail treatments and disinfectants in a safe, secure place?
- Do you read the safety data sheet that accompanies products that could be harmful?
- Have you fitted low energy or LED lighting?
- Can you buy ethical products and ones without harmful chemicals, such as ammonia free dyes and products without palm oil?
- Have you considered the use of dry shampoo or other products that use less water and energy to use?

Waste

- Do you know your responsibilities to do with the Duty of Care for Waste?
- Do you regularly segregate different materials for recycling or re-use?
- Do you keep hazardous/special waste separate from other waste?
- Do you have a recycling station on your premises, and does everyone know what materials go where?
- Is it possible to reduce waste by checking with suppliers and reducing packaging?
- Can you buy in bulk and reuse dispensers rather than disposing of empty containers?

Water

- Do you have any water reducing fittings, such as aerated taps and shower heads?

- Is it standard practice to turn off taps between washes and rinses, to prevent water loss?
- Can you use products that don't need so much water, or don't need rinsing at all?
- Do you have accurate measures for dye and colourings, to prevent waste being washed away?
- Do you offer temporary colouring, to avoid chemical dyes?