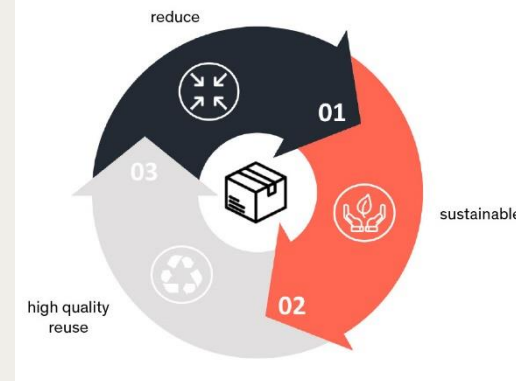


# Sustainability criteria: packaging

The installation sector has formulated the *Brancheplan Verpakkingen* (Packaging Sector Plan) to set joint targets to reduce packaging, make it more sustainable and reuse it at a high quality by 2025. This cover sheet is a translation of those targets into purchasing conditions.



## General terms and conditions

- You have a plan to reduce packaging, make it more sustainable and reuse it to a high quality, at least in line with the sector plan.
- You communicate about your packaging plan to the client and publicise your plan publicly.
- Where possible, you use a sustainable alternative to printing and/or stickers on packaging and pallet wrap and ensure that printing and/or stickers are as small as possible.
- You ensure that packaging has been reduced, made more sustainable and can be recycled as far as possible. Read more about recyclability of packaging [here](#) [link to pdf with recycle check] .
- You ensure that packaging contains a maximum of 10% free space.
- You substitute manuals for QR codes where legally permitted.

If you cannot meet the general or material-specific conditions by 2025, indicate which packaging this applies to and why.

[see "Sustainable packaging alternatives" [here in the knowledge base](#)]



## Material-specific conditions



### Paper and cardboard

- Paper and cardboard packaging consist of at least 80% recycled material. The virgin cardboard part is FSC or PEFC certified.
- Packaging is free from water-insoluble adhesive, plastic tape and strapping, coating, laminate and varnish, and contains as little ink as possible.



### Plastic

- Plastic packaging consists of at least 50% recycled material.
- Plastic packaging is free from water-insoluble adhesive, plastic tape and strapping, coatings, multi-layers, silicones and fillers.



### Wood (pallets)

- Pallets are preferably reused pallets. If not, the pallets are made of recycled wood. As a final option, pallets are formed of virgin FSC or PEFC-certified wood .
- All pallets are returned by the contractor.



### EPS (expanded polystyrene)

- EPS (expanded polystyrene) has been removed or replaced by a sustainable alternative.

## Useful information

- [Packaging Sector Plan Website](#)
- [Summary \(NL\) of European packaging legislation](#)
- [Packaging and Packaging Waste Proposal \(europa.eu\)](#)
- More information on sustainable packaging through the Netherlands Institute for Sustainable Packaging ([KIDV](#))
- Learn more about the central government's ambition to use 50% fewer primary materials by 2030 and be fully circular by 2050 through the [circular economy programme](#)