



CHOOSE YOUR BALER

ANSWER THESE FIVE KEY QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE WHICH BALER IS RIGHT FOR YOU.



What type of material are you baling?

First, determine if you are compacting recyclables or general waste. It's also important to gauge the percentage of each type of material. A shop with a hot food counter will average 60-70% packaging waste, which is recyclable. By segregating and baling this waste for recycling, the shop owner can reduce their waste collection fees by 60%.

Sometimes the material type alone will decide which baler is right for you. For example, to handle a high volume of aluminium cans, you need a can and bottle baler. There are specific balers for tyres, hard plastics, oil filters, agricultural waste and more. Check out the LSM Special Purpose range to find the right baler for your material.



How much waste do you need to bale?

Smaller shops and retail locations are generally best served by a standard small baler. Versatile and efficient, a small baler takes up minimal space and produces bales that fit easily through standard doorways and can be managed by a single person. For large volumes of waste, a mill-size baler can be a more economical option in the long run, as you will run fewer cycles and therefore use less labour and energy.

Think about, for example, how many cardboard boxes you would need to bale in a day. If that volume would fit in just a few cycles of a small baler, that may be your best option. One thing to keep in mind is any anticipated growth of your operation. If you plan to be baling larger volumes in the next few years, you may want to begin with a larger baler.



How much space do you have?

Dimensions are key when considering waste balers, particularly for small and medium businesses. Evaluate your options for where to locate your baler, keeping in mind the time and labour required to transport waste from its collection point to the baler. It's also useful to note that segregating materials close to the source can significantly contribute to the success of your recycling plan.

Remember to consider the ceiling height when calculating your available space. Our V20X Low-Liner offers a powerful, medium-volume solution with a low overall height that's perfect for under stairs or in basements with minimal headroom.



Is bale size important?

Smaller bales are easier to handle and can be maneuvered through standard doorways and tight spots, while larger pallet-size bales can contribute directly to revenue return. It's useful to see what support is available from local waste collection companies—some may pay for baled material in certain volumes. Think about your operations and how you'd like to handle waste management and recycling to help determine if bale size matters to you.

What is your baler budget?

Finally, how much do you have to spend on a baling solution? Keep in mind that your budget could be helped by the savings or return you'll get from better waste management, and that you may be able to lease a machine rather than buy one. In addition to the initial spend, it's important to consider ongoing consumables costs, energy usage and any revenue return through recycling programmes. Luckily with LSM machines, you have the assurance of long-lasting performance and reliability, so you won't need to account for much in the way of maintenance!

