



Taking the lead
at the
Helmstedt site.



Welcome to
EEW Energy from Waste!

Energy is essential to everyday life. Since the availability of fossil fuels is limited, the use of energy from waste is becoming increasingly important. As Germany's leading company in the production of environmentally friendly energy from thermal waste recovery, it is our mission to take the lead: With ultra-modern energy from waste plants. With state-of-the-art technology that meets the latest environmental standards. With highly qualified, dedicated employees. With good and constructive relationships with citizens, municipalities and companies. And, of course, with environmentally friendly energy from waste.

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 **1 tonne of waste = 600 KWh of electricity**

Electricity from waste is an important resource. The calorific value of the material is comparable to that of brown coal, making it virtually predestined for energy generation.

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EEW Energy from Waste Helmstedt.
Built to serve the region.

Energy from waste plants are a special kind of high-quality power plant. They not only have to comply with very strict emission limits, they must also satisfy the highest technical demands, and are therefore continuously monitored and optimised. For around 30 years, the EEW Energy from Waste Group has been planning, building and operating thermal waste recovery plants that set standards across Europe. In the vicinity of our plants, which stand out for their low emissions, high efficiency and excellent workplace safety, new companies and thus new jobs are being created. At the same time, consumers and nearby industrial firms benefit from using the environmentally friendly energy that EEW generates.

Helmstedt has a long tradition in electricity generation for the past 100 years. Since 1998, waste has also been used to generate energy here, and the TRV Buschhaus energy from waste plant is now one of the largest in Germany. Here at the Helmstedt site, we generate around 278,000 megawatt hours of electricity, equivalent to the power needed by approximately 87,000 households in the region. But that is by no means all: We also provide reliable waste management capacity for eight neighbouring districts, and industrial and private partners deliver their residual waste to our EEW plant. Thanks to the good transport links, up to 525,000 tonnes of waste per year can be quickly and smoothly delivered to the plant, where it is safely recovered in a low-emission process. We are proud to take the lead – for energy in the region and for environmental protection.

An overview of how
the EEW Helmstedt plant works.

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Every day, more than 2,000 tonnes of waste are transported to the energy from waste plant.

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The fuel is collected and temporarily stored in the waste bunker, which has a capacity of around 10,000 tonnes. The air pressure here is kept slightly negative so that no emissions or odours can escape. Environmental protection is therefore integral right from the start.

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The waste is mixed and continuously transferred to the feed hopper. From there, the waste enters the grates of the combustion lines (boilers).

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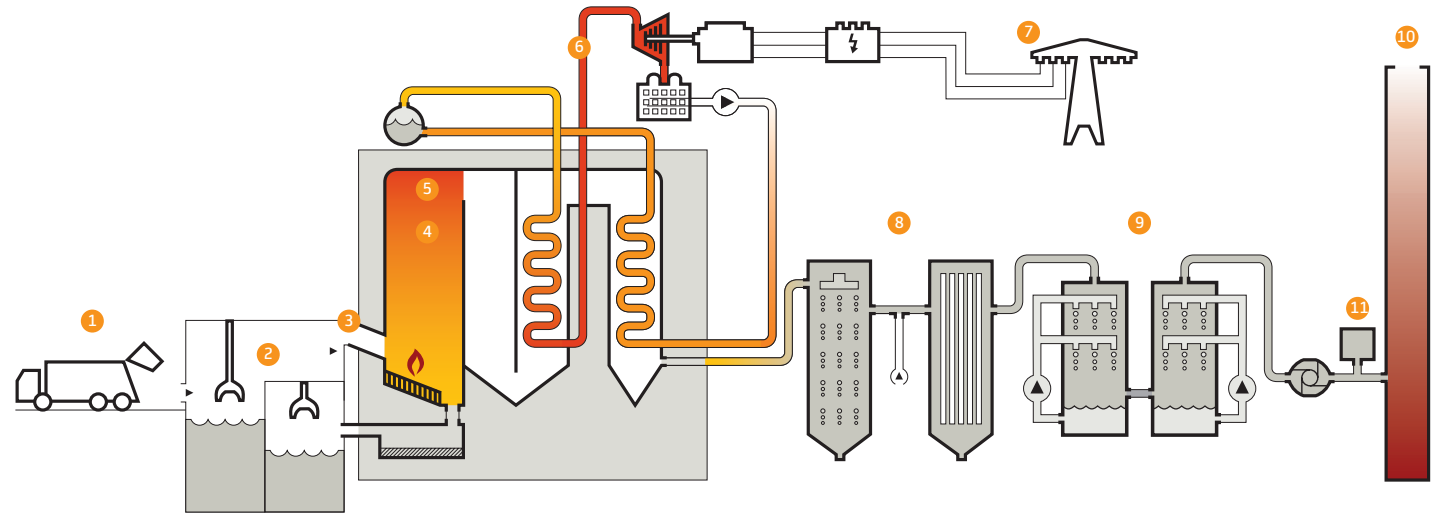
As waste self-combusts at the high temperatures in the boiler, no additional fossil fuels are required. Oil burners are only activated when the boiler is powered up or down in order to guarantee the minimum temperature of 850 °C. This high temperature is required by law. Pollutants are largely destroyed.

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Nitrogen oxides are converted into environmentally neutral nitrogen and water by adding ammonia solution.

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The thermal energy of the two boilers produces nearly 210 tonnes of steam every hour. At a pressure of 38 bar and a temperature of around 400 °C, the steam drives a turbine connected to a generator.



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Approximately 278,000 megawatt hours of electrical energy are generated in this way.

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The flue gases leave the boiler at a temperature of approximately 220 °C and directly undergo several stages of flue gas cleaning. First, they are cooled down to 180 °C in the spray dryer. Then they arrive at the entrained flow adsorber, where the pollutants bind to the added hearth furnace coke and together they collect in the fabric filter.

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In the two-stage wet scrub with lime milk, hydrogen chloride and hydrogen fluoride as well as heavy metal salts and lastly sulphur compounds are removed from the flue gases.

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Then the cleansed gas leaves the 120 m high stack with the aid of an induced draught fan. What remains is bottom ash, fly ash and filter dust. The bottom ash is recovered and used for the construction of roads and landfills. Fly ash and filter dust are used as backfilling material in mines.

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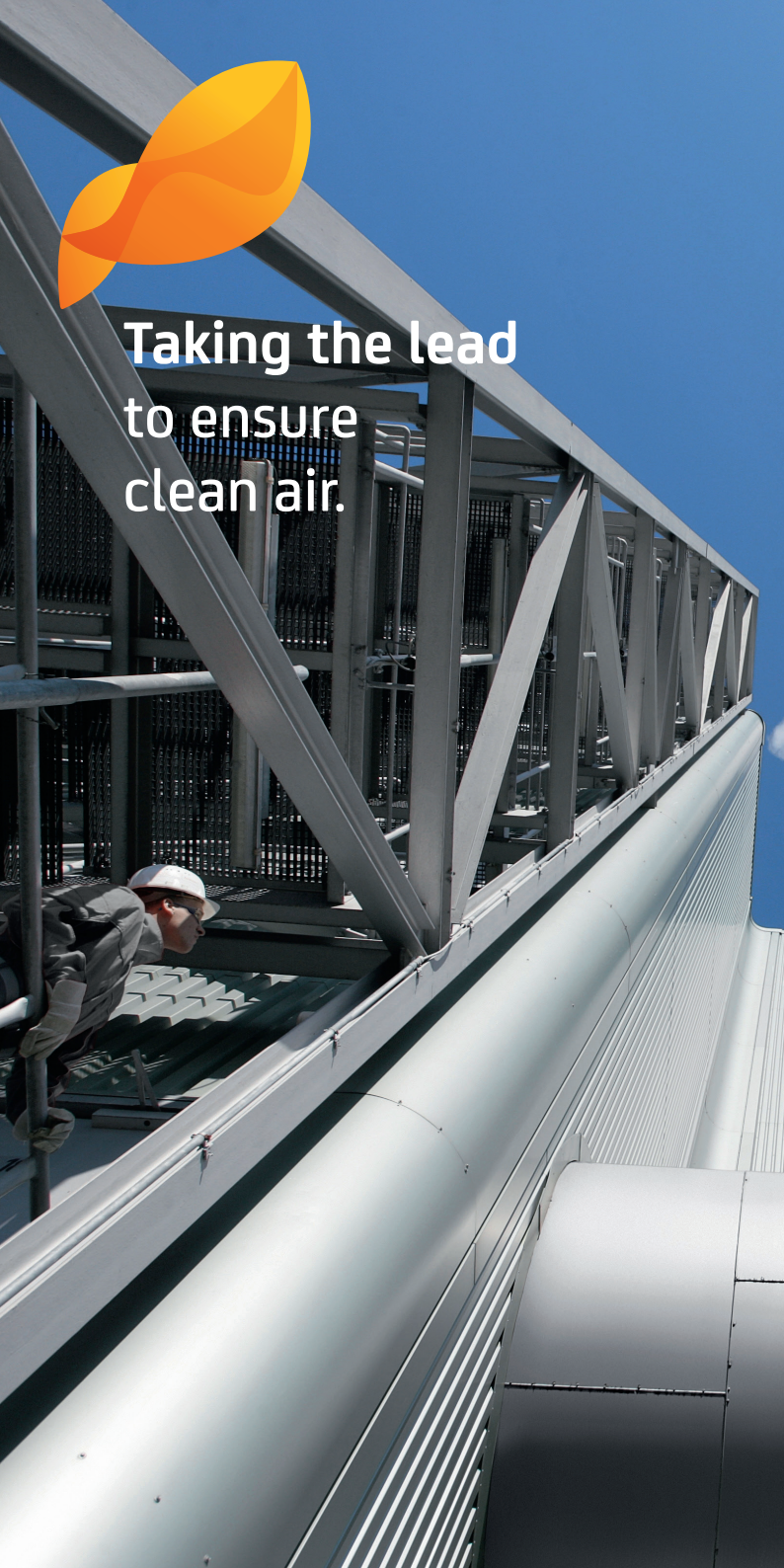
The plant easily complies with the strict statutory emission limits and in most cases is substantially below them. A measuring station at the stack continuously analyses and monitors the emissions. The results are transmitted directly to the responsible supervisory authority.



Lukas Drexler, Shiftworker, EEW Energy from Waste Helmstedt GmbH

Technical data

Commissioning	1998
Enlargement	2005
Capacity	525,000 tonnes/year
Number of combustion lines	3
Waste bunker capacity	20,000 cubic metres ≈ 10,000 tonnes
Calorific range of waste	7 - 12 megajoules/kilogram
Electricity generation	278,000 megawatt hours/year ≈ 87,000 households



Taking the lead to ensure clean air.

We shrink the carbon footprint.

A benefit for the environment.

As waste contains 50 per cent biogenic substances on average, it is recognised that energy from waste plants produce energy from renewable sources pursuant to the Germany's Renewable Energy Sources Act (EEG) and thus contribute to reaching the climate targets in Germany and Europe.

Another area where we take the lead: The emissions from our waste recovery plant reliably comply with – and are sometimes substantially below – the strict limits established by the German Federal Immission Control Act.

This is documented by constant emissions monitoring and controlled by the supervisory authority.

Ideally, come and see for yourself during a tour of our plant. You will discover that at EEW Energy from Waste, we put waste to work for climate protection.



Our annual contribution to environmental protection:



Up to 525,000 tonnes
of waste recovered



278,000 megawatt hours of
electricity generated in an
environmentally friendly manner



Electricity produced in an
environmentally friendly manner
for 87,000 households



We tackle the future.

And assume responsibility.

150 years, our expertise has been built on progress. Founded in 1873 as the coal mining firm Braunschweigische Kohlen-Bergwerke (BKB), the company soon also became an electricity producer and has evolved steadily to the present day. Having entered the waste treatment business in 1990, EEW Energy from Waste now has a great wealth of experience and expertise in environmentally friendly energy generation from thermal waste recovery. As the market leader in Germany, with our 17 plants here and in neighbouring countries we make a substantial contribution to conserving resources and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Our figures speak for themselves:

Our plants have an annual energy recovery capacity of more than 5.0 million tonnes of waste. We can thus produce around 2.2 million megawatt hours of electricity, 3.35 million megawatt hours of process steam and around 1.1 million megawatt hours of district heating. EEW's electricity output alone corresponds to the power required by around 700,000 households.**

Our team of around 1,400 highly qualified, dedicated employees takes the lead by producing energy that benefits not only numerous companies but also hundreds of thousands of households and, most importantly, the environment.

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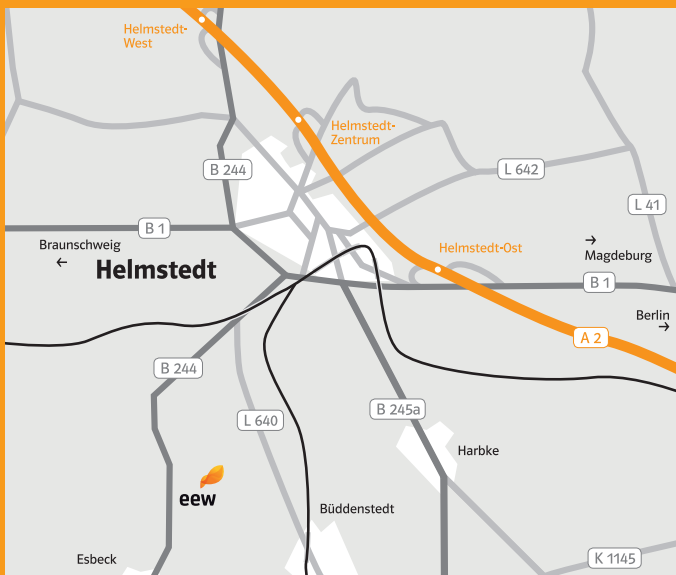
* Electricity, district heating and steam volume produced by 17 EEW Energy from Waste plants in 2022

** Assumed annual average consumption per household: 3,190 kWh



Rather than resting on our laurels, we continuously improve the processes and efficiency of our plants. Ultimately, we offer municipalities and companies pioneering waste recovery services that encompass everything from customised waste management concepts to waste acceptance and compliance with the statutory waste transfer documentation. We deliver outstanding performance and achieve a high level of acceptance among the general population and local residents.

This is how we take the lead. Together. For our future.



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