

Rubbish FAQ's

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Why recycle?

It is estimated that up to 90% of discarded items in bins are recoverable and could be re-used or recycled.

On average, each person throws the equivalent of their body weight in rubbish away each year. Each household throws away c. 2-3kg of newspaper and magazines each week.

Almost 3 million tonnes of plastic waste products are generated in the UK every year . Currently only 5% of this amount is captured for recycling.

Recycling aluminium cans can save up to 95% of the energy used to produce aluminium from virgin material.

How do I know that the material I put out for recycling isn't going to landfill?

A waste audit trail of all materials collected is produced. Essentially, it is not cost effective for your waste to go to landfill, as this incurs a £48.00 per tonne landfill tax charge.

Will recycling really save money?

Definitely. Put simply, the more you recycle the more you save. With landfill tax set to continue to rise, (a further £8 per tonne in 2011), and with legislative Pre-treatment Regulations a reality, it is more important than ever to segregate your waste, between general, (food contaminated items) and dry recyclables,(glass, plastic, metals, paper and card).

The 'win-win' of an environmental and financial benefit through initial segregation procedures and avoidance of waste to landfill is both desirable and achievable!

