

Waste Minimisation and Recycling Guide



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recycle for Warrington

The New Waste Minimisation and Recycling Guide

Well done and a BIG thank you!

Residents of Warrington have done a great job in recycling their household waste and since the new blue bin scheme was introduced in September 2008, we are now well on the way to smash our recycling targets. Currently Warrington is recycling over 43% of it's total waste.

Warrington Borough Council would like to thank everyone for their effort and support over the last few years. Whilst we have achieved some great things, we still need to work together to continue to increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste we produce.



Recycling Facts

- The average UK household produces over 1 tonne of rubbish annually, amounting to about 31 million tonnes for the UK each year
[source: www.wastewatch.org.uk]
- Every year, the average dustbin contains enough unrealised energy for 500 baths, 3500 showers or 5,000 hours of television
[source: www.assurre.org]
- On average every person in the UK throws away their own body weight in rubbish every 7 weeks
[source: www.wastewatch.org.uk]
- Every 8 months the UK produces enough waste to fill Lake Windermere (the largest lake in England)
[source: www.wastewatch.org.uk]
- In less than 2 hours the UK produces enough waste to fill the Albert Hall
[source: www.wastewatch.org.uk]

Real Cotton Nappies

Did you know disposable nappies take up to 500 years to decompose in landfill. By using modern cotton nappies you could help the environment and save yourself around £500.

Warrington Borough Council offers discounted cotton nappy 'Starter' packs for home laundry and an introductory offer to the nappy laundry service. Using real cotton nappies can help you save money and the environment. For more information call our Recycling Team on: (01925) 442604 or email: nsdwasteteam@warrington.gov.uk



Bulky Rubbish Collection Service

We can collect bulky items that you no longer want. This includes old furniture, fridges and freezers. (charges for some items apply)

Whenever possible we will try and reuse or recycle your bulky items. For more information on this service please call 'Contact Warrington' on: (01925) 443322.

Scan this graphic with your smart phone for more up to date information on waste recycling in Warrington.



Further information on recycling and waste collections:

For more information on the collection day of your recycling and refuse bins please visit our web site: www.recycleforwarrington.co.uk or call 'Contact Warrington' on: (01925) 443322 or email: nsdwasteteam@warrington.gov.uk

You can now follow recycle for warrington on **Facebook** and **twitter**.



Quick reference guide to the: waste and recycling service in Warrington

Please leave your bin at the edge of your property for 6.30am on your collection day

**Blue Bin
Collected Fortnightly**



Yes please

- ✓ Steel/ aluminium cans & tins
- ✓ Plastic food trays, pots & tubs
- ✓ Cardboard boxes and packaging - please flatten
- ✓ Tetra pak
- ✓ Aerosol cans
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Shredded paper
- ✓ Newspapers, magazines, envelopes and junk mail
- ✓ Plastic bottles - juice, water and milk bottles, including shampoo and household cleaner bottles
- ✓ Yellow pages

No thanks

- ✗ Textiles
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Polystyrene & bubble wrap
- ✗ Plastic bags/ plastic film
- ✗ Cat/dog food pouches
- ✗ Plastic toys
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Plant pots

Please do not bag the items before putting them in your blue bin.

**Green Bin
Collected Fortnightly**



Yes please

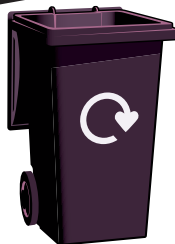
- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Hedge and garden clippings
- ✓ Twigs & small branches
- ✓ Weeds and plants
- ✓ Dead flowers and house plants. Leaves and bark

Please do not bag the items before putting them in your blue bin.

No thanks

- ✗ Household & kitchen waste
- ✗ Soil/ stone/ rubble
- ✗ Turf/ ash
- ✗ Pet bedding/ straw
- ✗ Dog & cat faeces
- ✗ Plastic
- ✗ Large branches
- ✗ Cardboard
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Plant pots & garden furniture

**Black Bin
Collected Weekly**



Yes please

Non-recyclable waste including:

- ✓ Food waste
- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✓ Yoghurt and margarine tubs
- ✓ Plastic wrappers
- ✓ Contaminated packaging and waste
- ✓ Shredded paper

No thanks

- ✗ Soil/ stone/ rubble
- ✗ Building material

You can now check your blue bin and green bin collection dates on-line at:

www.recycleforwarrington.co.uk



A third of all the food we buy ends up in the bin, and most of this could have been eaten. Wasting food costs the average family £680 a year.

Wasted food also has a major impact on climate change. Most of it ends up in landfill sites, where it rots and produces the green house gas methane. It also wastes energy, water and resources used in production, transportation and storage.

Tackling this problem would have the equivalent carbon dioxide savings as taking 1 in 4 cars off the road.

Tips to reduce food waste

- Store fruit and veg in the fridge - it can last up to a fortnight longer (except bananas and pineapples).
- Keep older fruit away from new fruit to avoid it ripening too quickly.
- Plan your meals in advance and write a shopping list, it can save time, money and food.
- Check your 'use by' and 'best before' dates. Food can be eaten up to a 'use-by' date or can be frozen in many cases. The 'best before' date is about quality so food can still be eaten after the date but may not be at it's best.
- Be creative with your leftovers, theres lots of recipes at www.lovefoodhatewaste.com
- Think about portion sizes of pasta, rice and veg, www.lovefoodhatewaste.com has a portion planner to remove the guess work.

For leftover food recipes, storage advice and tips to help reduce your food waste, visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com



10 easy steps

we can all take to help prevent waste

To help minimise and reduce the amount of waste that we produce we can all follow the 3 R's Principle -

1. Reduce

2. Reuse

3. Recycle

Before you throw anything away.

Have a look at the following easy steps to help you do your bit:

- 1 Try not to buy goods with excess packaging.
- 2 Use scrap paper as notebooks.
- 3 Say no to unnecessary plastic bags.
- 4 Reuse drinks bottles rather than buying a new drink each day.
- 5 Try and shop locally as much as possible and buy things loose or grow your own fruit and vegetables.

6 You can reduce packaging by reusing old plastic shopping bags or use cotton reusable shopping bags. If you would like a free cotton bag call 'Contact Warrington' on 01925 443322

7 Register with Mail Preference Service to stop unwanted junk mail - by contacting www.mpsonline.org.uk or by calling the Registration Line on: **0845 703 4599**.

8 Try composting your fruit and veg peeling, as well as reducing your waste you will also make some wonderful free compost for your garden.

If you would like a free guide to home composting email nsdwasteteam@warrington.gov.uk.

9 Reuse jam jars, plastic containers, paper and envelopes as much as possible.

10 Finally where there's anything left over, check to see if you can recycle it, either through our kerbside recycling collections or at one of our many recycling bring sites.

Community Recycling Centres

In Warrington we have three Community Recycling Centres at Gatewarth, Woolston and Stockton Heath. These are specialist centres designed to meet your waste and recycling needs. Please see list of accepted materials below:

	Gatewarth	Woolston	Stockton Heath
 garden waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 batteries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 cardboard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 fridges & freezers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 food & drink cans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 used engine oil	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 furniture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 mixed glass	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 paint	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 paper	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 plastics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 hardcore & rubble	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 scrap metal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 textiles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 wood & timber	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 electrical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 cartons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Opening Times :-

Gatewarth and Woolston	8am to 6pm
Stockton Heath	8am to 4pm
2 October to 3 March 2012	8am to 6pm
4 March to 31 March 2012	8am to 6pm
1 April to 1 September 2012	8am to 8pm
2 Sept - 29 Sept 2012	8am to 6pm
30 Sept 2012 to 2 March 2013	8am to 4pm

All centres open every day except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. (Dates and times subject to change) Household waste ONLY, NO commercial or industrial waste.

Local Recycling Bring Sites in Warrington



Area	Location	Glass	Paper	Cans	Card	Plastic bottles	Tetra Pak	Books	Textiles	Shoes
Warrington	Sainsburys, Church Street	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Warrington	Tesco, Winwick Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Great Sankey	The Woodlands, Liverpool Road	✓		✓	✓					
Hood Manor	Dorchester Road Shopping Centre	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
Westbrook	Asda, Westbrook Crescent	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Burtonwood	Community Centre, Green Jones Brow	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Culcheth	Culcheth Sports Club, Charrock Road	✓		✓					✓	✓
Glazebury	The Raven, Warrington Road	✓			✓	✓				
Birchwood	Nelson's Quarterdeck, Admirals Road	✓		✓					✓	✓
Padgate	Jolly Falstaff, Blackbrook Road	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Stockton Heath	Morrisons, Wilderspool	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓
Stockton Heath	Forge Car Park, West Avenue	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
Hatton	Hatton Arms, Hatton Lane	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Lymm	Davies Way car park	✓		✓		✓			✓	✓
Orford	Cobden Street	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Woolston Hub	Hall Road, Woolston									✓

For a full list of sites visit www.recycleforwarrington.co.uk