

## CONTACTS

All districts, boroughs and the city council are responsible for collecting rubbish, recyclable and compostable materials as well as providing recycling banks for households.

The city and county councils are responsible for household waste recycling centres in Derbyshire along with the treatment and disposal of collected waste.

**Amber Valley Borough Council**  
01773 570222 or  
ambervalley.gov.uk

**Bolsover District Council**  
01246 242424 or bolsover.gov.uk

**Chesterfield Borough Council**  
01246 345 345 or  
chesterfield.gov.uk

**Derbyshire Dales District Council**  
01629 761215 or  
derbyshiredales.gov.uk

**Derby City Council**  
0333 200 6981 or derby.gov.uk

**Erewash Borough Council**  
0845 907 2244 or erewash.gov.uk

**High Peak Borough Council**  
0845 129 7777 or highpeak.gov.uk

**North East Derbyshire District Council**  
01246 231111 or  
ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

**South Derbyshire District Council**  
01283 595795 or  
southderbys.gov.uk

**Derbyshire County Council**  
08456 058 058 or derbyshire.gov.uk

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# Reduce Reuse Recycle

## here's how you can do your bit



**DERBYSHIRE**  
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Improving life for local people





# Why should we reduce, reuse and recycle?

We need to:

- Protect the environment
- Save resources
- Save energy
- Save money

## Watching our waste

Together we produced 519,700 tonnes of waste in Derby and Derbyshire during 2009/2010. That's enough to fill 208 Olympic swimming pools.

We need to reduce the amount of rubbish we produce and we need to recycle and compost more.

With your help, we're now recycling four times more rubbish than we did in 2000, taking our recycling and composting rate up to 42 per cent, compared with 11 per cent in 2000/01.



That's great news, thanks. But we still send more than 300,900 tonnes to landfill. And by 2020 we'll only be allowed to landfill 94,000 tonnes per year of biodegradable waste (waste that rots down) or face hefty fines from the Government which could mean an increase in the council tax we all pay. When rubbish rots it produces greenhouse gases such as methane and carbon dioxide that contribute to climate change.



So we all need to do more to protect our environment and our pockets. By reducing, reusing and recycling more, we can all help to preserve valuable resources and prevent further damage caused by climate change.

To find out more visit [derbyshire.gov.uk](http://derbyshire.gov.uk) and click on the link to rubbish, waste and recycling.

# Eco-Schools



Is your school an Eco-School? If not, then why not encourage your school to sign up for this world-wide environmental award scheme? More than 315 schools across Derbyshire are already involved.

Pupils learn how to save energy, recycle their rubbish and create a cleaner environment. Pupils take part in activities such as walking to school, composting and picking up litter. Many schools improve their grounds and create wildlife gardens or vegetable plots.

The scheme links to many curriculum subjects, including citizenship, personal, social and health education (PSHE) and education for sustainable development. As well as linking to the curriculum, schools can benefit through savings made from cutting water, fuel and waste disposal bills.

It is also an award scheme that raises the profile of the school in the wider community. The Eco-Schools process aims to involve the whole school (pupils, teachers, non-teaching staff and governors) together with members of the local community (parents, the local authority, the media and local businesses).

It encourages teamwork and helps to create a shared understanding of what it takes to run a school in a way that respects and enhances the environment.

Pupils are encouraged to get involved by forming an environmental action team, which can also be made up of teachers, governors, parents and local residents.

The school works towards gaining one of three awards – bronze, silver and the top Green Flag Award.



## Benefits of the scheme

Eco-Schools offers:

- favourable recognition of the scheme by schools inspectors
- financial savings gleaned from reduced water, fuel and waste disposal bills
- numerous curriculum links
- increased environmental awareness amongst pupils and staff
- an improved school environment and a reduction in the amount of litter
- opportunities for local and national publicity

We are available to introduce the scheme to school staff, to give assemblies on Eco-Schools topics and to help run sessions with schools' eco-committees or school councils.

We can also put schools in touch with organisations and individuals that can help them to progress with Eco-Schools projects.

To find out more, visit [derbyshire.gov.uk](http://derbyshire.gov.uk) and search for Eco-Schools. Or call our Eco-Schools officer on 01629 539792.



# Furniture projects

When you are thinking of throwing away furniture, ask yourself if it can be reused. If it can, there are a number of projects across Derbyshire which can help breathe new life into old furniture - depending on its age and condition.

Organisations that provide this service are listed below. You can call them and if they can reuse the furniture you can either take it to them, or in many cases, they can collect the items from you for free.

- **Chesterfield**  
YMCA Derbyshire 01246 564924 / 564920
- **Derby**  
Derby Furniture Project 01332 291121
- **Glossop**  
Glossopdale Furniture Project 01457 857505
- **Heanor**  
Heanor SALCARE 01773 764562
- **Ashbourne**  
Encore Reuse 01335 300907
- **Swadlincote**  
YMCA Task force 01283 220202



# Easy ways you can make a difference



We can all do our bit by making small changes to our lifestyle or habits.

You can find loads of information about reducing, reusing, recycling and composting rubbish at [derbyshire.gov.uk](http://derbyshire.gov.uk) including an A-Z of items and how you can recycle them.

## Here are our top 10 tips on making a difference:

- Use your kerbside recycling (run by your district or borough council). If you have questions about collections in your area, contacts are at the back of this booklet
- Use your local recycling banks. To find out where your nearest ones are visit [recyclenow.com](http://recyclenow.com) or contact your local council.
- Whether you're a cook or a gardener, get composting. Buy a compost bin at a really reasonable price from [derbyshire.getcomposting.com](http://derbyshire.getcomposting.com)
- About £480 of the food bought by each home every year is wasted. Plan your meals before you go shopping; use leftovers in new recipes and portion properly with measuring devices. Visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com) for more information
- Your unwanted furniture could find a good home somewhere else. To find out more see page 10
- Use any of our household waste recycling centres in the county, which accept bulky items like fridges.
- If you can afford to pay a bit more for better quality electrical items you may find they last longer and are more energy-efficient
- Your local charity shop may take clothes, books and bric-a-brac. Some charities provide envelopes for the return of ink cartridges, mp3 players and phones
- Put a stop to unwanted mail by signing up to the Mailing Preference Service. You can register for free at [mpsonline.org.uk/mpsr/](http://mpsonline.org.uk/mpsr/) or call 0845 703 4599. Recycle any unwanted mail that lands on your doorstep
- Sell items you no longer need on sites like ebay or through the local newspaper. You can pass on unwanted items for free at [freecycle.org](http://freecycle.org) or [ilovefreegle.org](http://ilovefreegle.org)





# Are you switched on about electricals?

We throw out enough fridges, freezers, washing machines and small electrical items like kettles and hair dryers each year in the UK to fill Wembley Stadium six times. That's a lot of waste, but there are ways to reuse and recycle your old electrical items:



- Some retailers will take away your old or broken items for recycling when you buy a new one from them. A list of stores that provide this service can be found at [recyclenow.com](http://recyclenow.com)
- Take old electricals to your nearest household waste recycling centre
- Call your local district / borough council. They may collect large bulky items including fridge freezers and other items but often charge for the service
- If it's in good condition either advertise it for sale in your local newspaper or on websites like ebay and freecycle or offer to family and friends
- Buying A-rated energy efficient appliances are better for the environment and will help cut your energy bills. If you can afford to pay slightly more for better quality goods such as electrical items, they may last longer



## Batteries

- To help reduce battery waste, choose items which use rechargeable batteries or buy rechargeable batteries
- Some district / borough councils in Derbyshire collect batteries with your kerbside collection
- Shops selling batteries have to offer battery recycling. Look out for recycling battery boxes in stores
- Your local library has a battery box



# Business waste



If you run a business you can keep money in your pocket by reducing, reusing and recycling your waste.

Keep a record of the contractor's details so you can prove you passed your waste on if it is fly-tipped.

All businesses have a responsibility to manage waste responsibly and with landfill tax increasing by £8 per tonne each year it pays to deal with your waste in an environmentally friendly way.

Further information for businesses is available from: [netregs.gov.uk](http://netregs.gov.uk) [wrap.org.uk/business](http://wrap.org.uk/business)

If someone takes your rubbish and dumps it where they shouldn't, they could land you with a £5,000 fine. Make sure the contractors who take away your waste are registered to do so.



You can call the Environment Agency on 08708 506 506 or visit [environment-agency.gov.uk/publicregister](http://environment-agency.gov.uk/publicregister) to check or to find a registered company.

# What happens to your recycling?



Have you ever wondered where your recycling ends up? Derbyshire County Council conducts waste audits to make sure that recyclables collected through recycling banks, household waste recycling centres and at the kerbside are

recycled and not put in landfill.

For more information see [derbyshire.gov.uk](http://derbyshire.gov.uk) and follow links to rubbish, waste and recycling or see [recyclenow.com](http://recyclenow.com)



# Composting - easier than you think

From vegetable peelings and tea bags to grass cuttings and hedge clippings did you know you can turn around 50 per cent of your rubbish into compost for your garden?

It's important we compost as much of this rubbish as possible because it produces methane and a toxic liquid if it's left to rot in landfill, which damages the environment. This liquid and gas has to be collected, treated and monitored for more than 50 years, even after landfill sites close.

Your local district or borough council may already collect garden waste and food waste from your home and take it away to be composted. But you can also join thousands of other householders in Derbyshire and make your own. More than 50,000 home compost bins have now been sold in Derbyshire alone.

## It's so simple ...

Composting at home is an environmentally friendly and cheap alternative to using peat-based composts and chemical fertilisers. All it takes is the right combination of green and brown waste, a home composting bin and away you go!

Make sure you get the right compost mix by adding equal volumes of Green and Brown compostable materials:

- **Greens (wet).** These include vegetable peelings, fruit scraps, tea bags and coffee grounds, hedge clippings and grass cuttings. This type of rubbish breaks down quickly and provides moisture.

- **Browns (dry).** Shredded cardboard and paper (such as newspaper, egg boxes and toilet roll inners) help make good quality compost by adding the carbon your compost bin needs. Pet straw and sawdust can also be added to your compost.

## Where can I order a compost bin?

Bins can be ordered by visiting [derbyshire.getcomposting.com](http://derbyshire.getcomposting.com) or call 0844 571 4444.

## School compost bins

Derbyshire County Council also offers two free compost bins for schools. Schools should phone Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058 or look at [derbyshire.gov.uk/environment](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/environment) and search for composting.



# Love food hate waste

Around a third of all the food we buy ends up in the bin when most of it could have been eaten.

Wasting food costs the average family around £480 a year.

And it's bad news for the environment too because as it rots it produces greenhouse gases which contributes to climate change.

If we all stopped letting food go to waste, less carbon would be produced and the effect would be the equivalent of taking one in four cars off the UK's roads.

## Here are a few quick and easy things you can do to reduce the amount of food you throw away:

- Plan in advance and make a list or meal plan for the week ahead. Your shopping trip will be easier and you're more likely to only buy what you need saving you money in the long run

- Buy loose fruit and vegetables instead of pre-packed. That way you'll only pick up the amount you need and it cuts down on packaging waste too

- Always follow the 'Use-by' date but check if food can be frozen before this date to eat later. 'Best before' is for quality rather than showing when food will go off. 'Sell by' and 'Display until' are for shop use only

- Freeze foods before they pass the use-by date and freeze left over extra portions for quick and easy meals later on

- Use up your leftovers. Clear out the fridge once a week and use leftover food to come up with new recipes

- Help your fruit and vegetables stay fresher for longer by keeping them in the fridge. Check your fridge is cold enough, a cool 1-5 degrees will help food last longer

- Cook from the cupboard – with canned and dried foods in the cupboard and some fridge and freezer basics, you can pull together a quick meal to make the most of any leftover

For tips on reducing food waste, using leftovers to make tantalising dishes and advice on portioning visit [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com)





# A real nappy choice

Help to reduce Derbyshire's rubbish mountain by swapping disposable nappies for washable ones.

Every year in Derbyshire about 12,000 tonnes of nappy waste is sent to landfill sites and it costs over £800,000 to dispose of it.

You can help us to cut this cost by using washable nappies. Modern washable nappies, also known as Real Nappies, are available in a variety of designs and now come with the following advantages:

- You don't need safety pins. Washable nappies come in modern styles that fasten easily with poppers, Velcro or plastic grips
- Forget folding many washable nappies are now shaped like disposables
- No need to soak or boil. Washable nappies can be put in the washing machine at 40-60°C with non-biological detergent
- They are used with either a biodegradable liner that can be flushed or thrown in the bin or a washable liner inside which keeps your baby dry

The cost of using washable nappies can be half that of using disposables over two years. Your savings will be increased if you use the nappies for other children

## £25 cashback

If you spend more than £50 on washable nappies and nappy covers you can receive £25 under an incentive scheme provided by Derbyshire County Council. To claim, Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058 and ask for a cash back leaflet, or download a copy at [derbyshire.gov.uk/realnappies](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/realnappies)

## Nappuccinos

We hold regular events, which are attended by a local nappy adviser, where parents can learn more about real nappies. For dates and venues please see [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/realnappies](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/realnappies)

## Nappy lending kit

If you'd like to try out washable nappies – a trial kit is available for hire for up to two weeks for a small fee and a refundable deposit of £50.



For more information Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058 or email: [realnappies@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:realnappies@derbyshire.gov.uk)

# Household Waste Recycling Centres



You can recycle a wide range of different household objects including bulky and electrical items for free at our household waste recycling centres:

- **Ilkeston**  
Manners Avenue Industrial Estate, DE7 8EF
- **Loscoe**  
Taylor Lane, near Heanor, DE75 7TA
- **Newhall**  
Main Street, near Swadlincote, DE11 0TP
- **Northwood** (Due to open Summer 2011) Harrison Way, Darley Dale, DE4 2LF

Centres can be found at:

- **Ashbourne**  
Mayfield Road, DE6 2BJ
- **Bolsover**  
Buttermilk Lane, near M1 junction 29a, S44 6AE
- **Buxton**  
Waterswallows Road, SK17 7JB
- **Chesterfield**  
Sheffield Road, Stonegravels, S41 7LF
- **Glossop**  
Melandra Road, SK13 6JQ

Centres are open from 8.30am-6pm, seven days a week except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Visit [derbyshire.gov.uk/recycling](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/recycling) for information about what you can take to our centres or call 08456 058058.

Your local district or borough council may also collect bulky rubbish for which there may be a charge. You could also use a local furniture project for good quality furniture. See page 10

