

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 841 326 or
ambervalley.gov.uk

Bolsover District Council
01246 242 424 or bolsover.gov.uk

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

Derbyshire Dales District Council
01629 761 215 or
derbyshiredales.gov.uk

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

Erewash Borough Council
0115 907 2244 or erewash.gov.uk

High Peak Borough Council
01298 284 00 or highpeak.gov.uk

North East Derbyshire District Council
01246 231 111 or
ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

South Derbyshire District Council
01283 595 795 or
south-derbys.gov.uk

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

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Reduce Reuse Recycle

Your Derbyshire guide...





Why should we reduce, reuse and recycle?

We need to:

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

Watching our waste

Just under half a million tonnes of household waste is produced in Derby and Derbyshire each year. That's enough to fill about 180 Olympic swimming pools.

We need to reduce the amount of rubbish we produce as well as 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 43 per cent, compared with 11 per cent in 2000/01.



That's great news. But we still send more than 245,000 tonnes of household waste to landfill.

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/recycling

Eco-Schools



Is your local school an Eco-School? If not, why not encourage them to sign up for this world-wide environmental award scheme? More than 335 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.

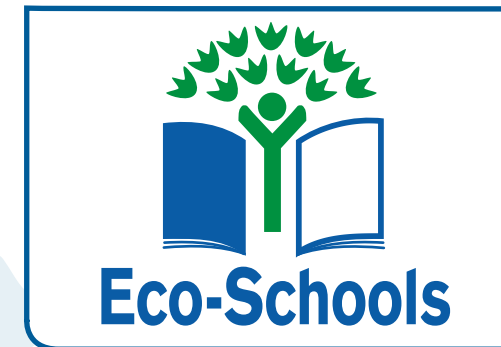
The scheme links to many curriculum subjects, including citizenship, personal, social and health education (PSHE) and education for sustainable development. As well as linking to the curriculum, schools can benefit through savings made from cutting water, fuel and waste disposal bills.

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 four awards – bronze, silver, Green Flag and Green Flag Ambassador.



Benefits of the scheme

Eco-Schools offers:

- better environmental awareness among pupils and staff
- favourable recognition of the scheme by schools inspectors
- financial savings from reduced water, fuel and waste disposal bills
- better school environment and less litter
- opportunities for local and national publicity

Derbyshire County Council staff are available to introduce the scheme to schools. They can also 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 and search for Eco-Schools or call 01629 538532.



Furniture projects

Do you have any unwanted, good quality furniture or working electrical items?

Could someone else re-use them?

If the answer is yes then why not contact your local furniture re-use project and donate your items instead of throwing them away?

There are currently five re-use projects across Derbyshire and they would all like to receive your old, good quality items. What's more many of them will collect large donated items for free.

You can donate furniture such as beds, wardrobes and sofas as well as working electrical items such as vacuum cleaners, microwaves and fridges.

There are also other schemes available and local charity shops may also accept a range of items.

- **Ashbourne** Encore Re-use Furniture Project
www.encorereuse.org.uk Tel: 01335 300907
- **Chesterfield** YMCA Derbyshire New2u
www.ymcaderbyshire.org.uk/new2u Tel: 01246 452005
07801 200288
- **Glossop** Glossopdale Furniture Project
www.glossopdalefurnitureproject.co.uk Tel: 01457 857505
- **Heanor** Heanor SALCARE
www.salcare.org.uk Tel: 01773 764562
- **Swadlincote** YMCA Happy Homes Tel: 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 including an A-Z of items and how you can recycle them.

Here are our top ten 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 household waste recycling centre which will accept bulky items (see page 7 for more details) or local recycling banks. To find out where your nearest ones are visit recyclenow.com or contact your local council
- Whether you're a cook or a gardener, get composting. Buy a compost bin at a reasonable price from 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 for more information and to find out how you could save up to £50 a month
- Your unwanted furniture could find a good home somewhere else. To find out more see page 10
- 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 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 or ilovefreegle.org
- Why not try washable nappies or wipes. They can save you lots of money and help the environment too.





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
- Take old **broken** electricals to your nearest household waste recycling centre
- Donate your unwanted **working** electricals to your local furniture project (see page 10 for more details)
- 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

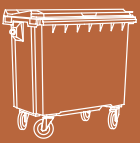


Batteries

- 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 recycling box



Business waste



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

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.

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 03708 506 506 or visit environment-agency.gov.uk and search under "public registers" to find out if the company you are using is registered.

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

Further information for businesses is available from netregs.gov.uk or wrap.org.uk/business



What happens to your recycling?



Have you ever wondered where your recycling ends up? Derbyshire County Council checks 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 and follow links to rubbish, waste and recycling or see 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 30 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 or calling 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 and search for composting.



Love Food Hate Waste



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

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

For families with children this rises to £680 a year.

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

If we all stopped letting food go to waste, less carbon dioxide would be produced and the effect would be the equivalent of taking one in five 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:

- Use what you have left over in your cupboards, fridge and freezer
- 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 leftover extra portions for quick and easy meals later on

- 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 leftovers

For tips on reducing food waste, using leftovers to make tantalising dishes and advice on portioning visit lovefoodhatewaste.com

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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 £1 million 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



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

Nappy lending kit

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

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.

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
- **Ilkeston**
Manners Avenue Industrial Estate, DE7 8EF
- **Loscoe**
Taylor Lane, near Heanor, DE75 7TA
- **Newhall**
Main Street, near Swadlincote, DE11 0TP
- **Northwood near Matlock**
Harrison Way, Darley Dale, DE4 2LF
- **Derby**
Raynesway Park Drive, Derby DE21 7BH (operated by Derby City Council).

All centres are open seven days a week except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Each one is open from 8.30am - 6pm except Derby which opens from 8am - 6pm.

Visit derbyshire.gov.uk/recycling for information about what you can take to our centres or call 08456 058 058.

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 or large electricals. See page 10

