

Eric's tips for tenants

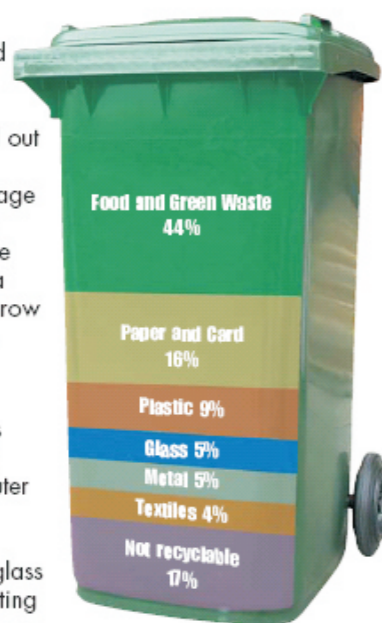
Reduce, reuse and recycle!

Recycling is an excellent way of saving energy and conserving the environment. Extensive studies have been carried out on the contents of the Barnsley bin and on average only 17% of waste is not recyclable. The bin on the right hand side contains a breakdown of what we throw away in the average bin.

Glass

FACT 'One recycled glass bottle would save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes'.

- You can recycle your glass bottles and jars by putting them into the green box or brown slim wheel bin provided by Barnsley Council.
- Alternatively many supermarkets have glass-recycling banks, enabling you to recycle glass on your weekly shop.
- Make sure you wash out the bottle or jar before putting it into recycling bins.
- Reuse glass whenever possible. Jars can be used as small containers and bottles can be used as vases.



Aluminium foods and drink cans

FACT 'One recycled tin can would save enough energy to power a television for 3 hours.'

- You can recycle all steel and aluminium food and drinks cans by putting them in the green box provided by Barnsley Council.
- To make more room in your box, squash down the cans.
- Please do not put aerosols in the green box. You need to take these to the household waste recycling centres.

Plastic Containers

FACT 'One recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 3 hours'.

- Plastic bottles can be put into your grey bin or you can take them to your household waste recycling centres.
- Clean bottles before recycling them.
- Crush plastic bottles and milk containers before putting them in your bin to save space.

Paper

FACT 'It takes 24 trees to make 1 tonne of newspaper'.

- You can recycle newspapers, magazines, brochures, catalogues, junk mail and office/drawing paper by putting them into the blue bag or slim blue wheeled bin provided by Barnsley Council.



- Do not put Yellow Pages and directories into the blue bag or slim blue bin. Take these to the household waste recycling centres or bring sites.
- Reduce paper waste by cancelling unwanted deliveries, or read news online as opposed to buying newspapers.
- Register with the mail preference service to reduce unwanted mail. Visit the website www.mpsonline.org.uk
- Reuse paper around the home as scrap paper or packing material.
- Buy recycled paper whenever possible.

Energy saving bulbs and batteries

For any queries on the disposal of these items please contact the waste management helpline.

Textiles

Please take unwanted clothes to local charity shops.

Mobile Phones

- Most people in the UK now own a mobile phone and they can be recycled.
- Donate old mobile phones to friends or family.
- Many manufacturers take back old mobile phones for recycling.
- Some companies have set up mobile phone recycling schemes.



For further information on the disposal of unwanted items please visit the Freecycle website www.uk.freecycle.org



Barnsley Council provides four household waste recycling centres, they are free of charge to residents and are located as follows:

- West Street, Worsbrough Dale
- Smithies Lane, Barnsley
- Nicholas Lane, Highgate, Goldthorpe
- Springvale, Penistone

*Vans or cars with trailers may need a permit.

For further information please call the waste management helpline on **01226 772045**.

