



ECO-GUIDE: RECYCLING, REUSING AND REPURPOSING

Recycling, Reusing, and Repurposing: A Guide for Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon

Taking steps to recycle, reuse, and repurpose is essential for reducing waste and protecting our environment. This guide will help you navigate the local recycling rules, understand what can and cannot be recycled, and discover ways to repurpose items to give them a second life.

1. Understanding Local Recycling Rules

In Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon, recycling services are managed by Wiltshire Council. Here's what you need to know:

What Can Be Recycled at Home?

Place the following items in your blue-lidded bin:

- **Paper and Cardboard:** Newspapers, magazines, cereal boxes, cardboard packaging (flattened).
- **Plastic Bottles and Containers:** Milk bottles, drink bottles, detergent bottles (rinse before recycling).
- **Tins and Cans:** Food tins, drink cans, and empty aerosol cans.
- **Glass:** Jars and bottles (rinse and remove lids).

What Cannot Be Recycled in Your Blue-Lidded Bin?

- Black plastic
- Plastic bags and cling film
- Polystyrene
- Food waste
- Electrical items

These items can contaminate recycling loads, so please keep them out of your bin.

2. Tips for Sorting Your Waste

Proper sorting is essential to ensure recyclable materials are processed correctly. Follow these tips:

- **Check for Recycling Symbols:** Look for the triangle-shaped recycling symbol on packaging to confirm it's recyclable.
- **Keep it Clean:** Rinse food containers to avoid contamination.
- **Separate Materials:** If an item is made of multiple materials (e.g., cardboard with a plastic window), separate them before recycling.
- **Flatten Large Items:** Flatten cardboard boxes to save space.

3. Where to Find Recycling Drop-Off Points

Household Recycling Centres (HRCs):

- **Trowbridge HRC** (Canal Road Industrial Estate): Accepts larger items such as electronics, batteries, and garden waste.
- **Bradford-on-Avon HRC** (Station Approach): Suitable for smaller household waste and recyclable items.



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Check the Wiltshire Council website for opening times and a full list of accepted items. Bring proof of residency to access these centres.

Local Drop-Off Points:

- Supermarkets like Tesco and Sainsbury's often have collection points for plastic bags, batteries, and textiles.
- Glass bottle banks are available in car parks around both towns.

4. Reusing and Repurposing Tips

Beyond recycling, consider how you can reuse or repurpose items:

- **Jars and Containers:** Clean glass jars make excellent storage for food, craft supplies, or homemade gifts.
- **Old Clothes and Textiles:** Donate wearable clothes to charity shops or use worn-out textiles as cleaning rags.
- **Furniture:** Upcycle old furniture with a coat of paint or turn wooden pallets into garden planters.
- **Electronics:** Repair broken devices or donate functioning ones to charity initiatives that support tech access.

5. Reduce Your Waste

Recycling is important, but reducing waste at the source is even better. Here are a few ideas:

- Opt for reusable items like water bottles, coffee cups, and shopping bags.
- Buy products with minimal packaging.
- Compost food scraps to reduce organic waste.

6. Resources for More Information

- **Wiltshire Council Recycling Guide:** Visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk for comprehensive details about local recycling.
- **Recycle Now:** Use the postcode locator at www.recyclenow.com to find nearby recycling facilities.
- **Repair Cafés:** Join repair workshops in the area to fix broken household items. There is a regular café held in Bradford-on-Avon, details are on the GROWS website and social media.

By following these guidelines, you can make recycling, reusing, and repurposing an effortless part of your daily routine, helping Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon become more sustainable communities. Together, we can reduce waste and preserve the environment for future generations!