



# Why should we recycle?



## Household waste recycle centres

Containers for a wide range of materials to be recycled are available at the five household waste recycling centres located at:

- Makerfield Way, Higher Lane, Ince WN2 2PR (Kirkless)
- Frog Lane, Wigan WN6 7LB
- Orrell Road, Orrell WN5 8 LY
- Slag Lane, Lowton, Warrington WA3 1BZ
- Arley Way, Atherton, Manchester M46 9FF

The range of materials you can recycle vary from site to site, but each centre has facilities for paper, cans, textiles, metals, car batteries, timber, rubble and soil.

## Recycling points at supermarkets and public houses

There are over 170 recycling sites available at convenient locations around the borough for you to recycle a wide range of materials. Many sites have facilities for recycling glass bottles and jars, papers and magazines, cans and foil, plastic bottles and food and drinks cartons as well as clothes, shoes, and books. You can use can banks to recycle any type of drinks or food can, clean kitchen tin foil and aerosols.

## Thank you for your help recycling the borough's waste.

For any further information on the contents of this leaflet please phone the Environmental Services Helpline on **01942 404364** or alternatively visit our website [www.wigan.gov.uk](http://www.wigan.gov.uk).

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## Why do we need to recycle?

Councils must reduce the amount of rubbish buried in the ground. If this doesn't happen, then the cost of waste disposal will increase for everyone.

Placing materials in the black wheelie bin means that valuable resources end up in a landfill site to be lost forever. By recycling, many of these materials can be used time and time again instead of being buried.

In the last few years there have been a number of changes to the way waste is managed in Wigan Borough with the introduction of new recycling schemes.

Doorstep collections of newspaper and magazines are available to all properties in the borough. There is also a collection of garden waste and clean brown cardboard to all suitable homes. In addition to these, there is a trial scheme of cans, plastic and glass which should be rolled out to the whole borough within the next 2 years.

Together these changes have resulted in residents helping Wigan Council reach a recycling rate of 26% in 2007/08.

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## How can I recycle?

*We have introduced several easy ways for you to recycle your waste.*

### Doorstep paper recycling collections

Newspapers and magazines are collected every fortnight from all properties in the borough using a re-usable white sack. Last year 7394 tonnes of paper was collected from households in the borough, saving the equivalent of 120,000 trees. Catalogues (but not phone books) are welcome in the white sack, as are leaflets and brochures. You can use a carrier bag if your white sack goes missing - the team will replace it next time.

### Doorstep garden waste collections

If you are part of the garden waste collection scheme, garden waste and clean brown cardboard can be recycled in your green wheelie bin. The bin is emptied every fortnight on the same day as your black refuse bin. Clean brown cardboard is fine in your green bin, but any kind of plastic, including plastic bags, bin liners and food are not. **Please do not** place cardboard food packages in your green bin.

**In total Wigan Borough collected almost 13,000 tonnes of garden waste last year.**

## Doorstep brown bin collections

There is currently a trial to parts of Wigan Borough for the collection of cans, plastics and glass bottles. It is collected every fortnight on the same day as your black bin. Everyone will receive this service in the next few years.

