

# What happens to our waste?

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# How much do we create?

Waste can be split into three main categories:  
recyclable, non-recyclable & compostable.

- Commonly Recyclable Materials-
- Hard to recycle/non-recyclable
- Compostable – food waste

So how much of this is waste and where does it go?



## What kind of waste appears on UK beaches

Items found per 100m

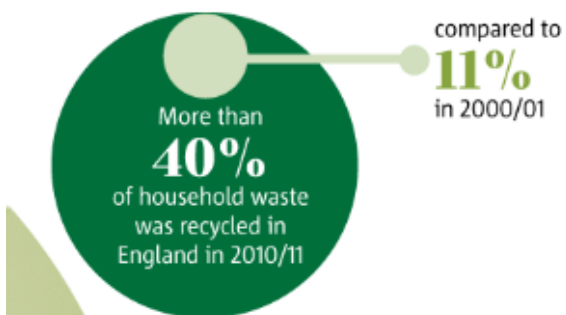


Food Standards Agency food.gov.uk

WE THROW  
**7 MILLION**  
OF FOOD AND DRINK  
MORE THAN 1/2 OF  
HAVE

THIS COSTS THE  
AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD  
£470 A YEAR

## Ocean plastic



**50%** of local authority collected waste was sent to landfill in 2010/11, compared to an EU average of 40%



Each year we generate **290m** tonnes of waste



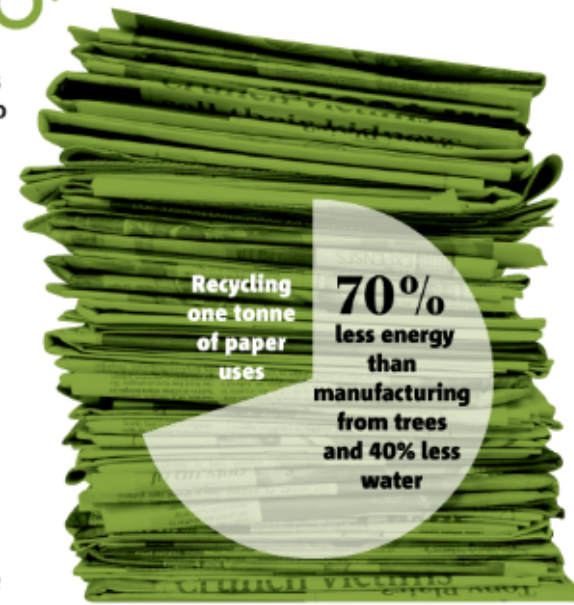
The hazardous waste managed in England and Wales has decreased since 2004 by **30%**



The average waste per person in England has fallen by **88kg** since 2006/07 to 263kg per person per year in 2010/11



About **2bn** steel cans are recycled in Britain every year. That's enough to circle the Earth five times



Every minute, 1m plastic bags are used

It takes **1,000 years** for one plastic bag to completely degrade



# Where does Suffolk's waste go?



We generate many millions of tonnes of waste every year in the UK.

# How to reduce what you waste-Recycle





# What can we do?

Despite recycling providing a great way to reduce waste it is not perfect...

- Materials have to be collected by large vehicles emitting greenhouse gases
- Separated materials will then need to be transferred to be made into new products...often not in the UK!
- Some materials will have a limited number of times which they can be recycled
- This all costs money...



# Reduce your waste



- 1 Bring your own shopping bag
- 2 Carry a reusable water bottle
- 3 Bring your own cup
- 4 Pack your lunch in reusable containers
- 5 Say no to disposable straws & cutlery
- 6 Skip the plastic produce bags
- 7 Slow down and dine in
- 8 Store leftovers in glass jars
- 9 Share these tips with your friends

## 3 WAYS TO LESSEN CLOTHING WASTE

**1 UPCYCLE**  
Old, but still useful clothes can be redesigned and reinvented to create a new and more modern look.

**2 RECYCLE**  
Clothes that are worn out can be repurposed as a new material.

As part of fashion revolution's advocacy of sustainable and responsible fashion, here are some tips that you can follow to lessen clothing waste and promote environmental-friendly fashion.

**3 THRIFT SHOPPING**  
Instead of buying new clothes, thrift shopping is a good alternative to support the reusing of clothes.



### USE BY

YOU'VE GOT UNTIL THE END OF THIS DATE TO USE OR FREEZE THE FOOD BEFORE IT BECOMES TOO RISKY TO EAT

VS

### BEST BEFORE

YOU CAN EAT FOOD PAST THIS DATE BUT IT MIGHT NOT BE AT ITS BEST QUALITY

LESS PLASTIC.

# REFUSE SINGLE USE # CHOOSE REUSABLES

WWW.LESSPLASTIC.CO.UK

# Reuse things you no longer need or want

Take items you no longer want/need to the charity shop



Sell things online and reuse items and earn some money!

Use scrap pieces of paper for notes/lists.



Keep leftover food and use it to create another meal!

Upcycle your unwanted items, clothes work especially well!







REDUCE  
REUSE  
RECYCLE  
THIS CHRISTMAS



## Make a 'green' pledge

As a form or as individuals, make a pledge...

What are/will you do to make a difference?

In your home life?

In your school environment?

In your hobbies/pastimes?