

A- Z RECYCLING DIRECTORY

Follow our list of useful tips to learn what and where you can recycle or reuse.

Glossary of terms

HWRC – Household Waste Recycling Centres
NRC – Neighbourhood Recycling Centres
SCC – Staffordshire County Council
SMDC – Staffordshire Moorlands District Council
WRAP – Waste Resources Action Programme

A

Aerosols

Empty aerosols should be placed into your kerbside recycling container (grey bin/box).

Aluminium

See entries under Cans and Foil

Animal bedding

If you have vegetarian pets i.e. rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, their bedding can be placed in to your kerbside organic waste container (brown bin/paper sack). It can also go into a home compost bin (*see entry under Compost*)

Top tips - Paper or straw bedding will compost faster than wood shavings.

Asbestos

This is classed as hazardous waste and local disposal firms should be contacted to remove large amounts. Details are listed in the Yellow Pages under Asbestos. Small quantities can be accepted, if presented in a safe manner, at the Leek HWRC. For further advice on opening hours or quantities accepted please telephone 0800 23 23 23.

Ashes

Wood ash can be sprinkled thinly onto a compost heap. It contains potash, which is a valuable garden nutrient.

If you are not recycling your ash, then please allow it cool and place it in to the general rubbish container (blue lidded bin/black bag). To keep the bin clean, place the ashes in a carrier bag or bin liner.

B

Baby Clothing

These items can be placed in to your kerbside recycling textile bag. They can also be put in to a textile bank at certain NRC's or your local HWRC.

Charity shops will also accept good quality baby clothing.

Baby Equipment

Some charity shops will accept baby equipment that is in good condition.

Also, the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) sometimes have second hand sales.

For more information contact your local NCT group.

Batteries – Car

These can be taken to your local HWRC, where there are designated collection points.

Batteries – Domestic Appliances

These can be taken to your local HWRC, where there are designated collection points.

- Top tips – Instead of using disposable batteries, why not buy rechargeable ones. Or buy items that do not need batteries, such as solar powered watches or wind-up radios or torches.

Beads and Jewellery

Local charity shops often accept beads and old jewellery. They can also be taken to car boot sales or local fairs. Why not try local schools who may use these items in art classes.

Bedding and blankets

These items can be placed in to your kerbside recycling textile bag. They can also be taken to a textile bank at certain NRC's or your local HRWC. Please make sure that the bedding and blankets are clean and dry.

The City Dogs Home will also accept these items, contact them on 01782 304130.

Beds

See entry under Bulky Waste

Belts

These can be placed in to your kerbside recycling textile bag, or put into a textile bank at certain NRC's. Belts that are in good condition could be sent to local Charity shops.

Board games

See entry under Games

Books

These can be taken to local charity shops for resale. They can also be taken along to car boot sales or local fairs.

- **Top tips - Instead of purchasing new books, why not borrow books from the local library.**
Or why not try www.readitswapit.co.uk a free website, where you can swap books you have read for others.

Binoculars

You can donate unwanted binoculars, telescopes or tripods that are in good working order to the RSPB, where they will be used for conservational or educational projects. For further information email binoenquiries@rspb.org.uk

Bicycles

Road worthy bikes can be taken along to your local branch of Oxfam. Alternatively you could place an advertisement on a supermarket notice board, or in a free paper. If the bicycle is of no use, then it can be taken to your local HWRC and the frame can be recycled as scrap metal.

Bottles

See entries under Glass and Plastic

Bric-a-brac

This is widely accepted at charity shops, car boot sales and local fairs.

Bring Sites

See entry under Neighbourhood Recycling Centres (NRC's)

Building Materials - Domestic

The HWRCs will only accept small quantities of building materials, such as hardcore and rubble, from domestic properties. For more information on opening hours or quantities accepted call 0800 23 23 23. If you use contractors to undertake such work ensure that they will take any waste produced away with them. Alternatively, local skip hire companies can be found in the Yellow Pages.

Bulky Waste

The Furniture Mine is a locally based charity that will collect for free any good quality reusable furniture, white goods and electrical equipment. They help vulnerable and disadvantaged people in North Staffordshire, furnish a home and re-settle in the community. To contact the Furniture Mine telephone 01782 846111. Please note that if you have an unwanted sofa or chair to donate, it must have the 'kite mark' to prove they meet British safety standards.

Details of other organisations within Staffordshire that will take furniture for reuse can be found on the www.recycleforstaffordshire.org website.

SMDC also operate a chargeable bulky waste collection service. For further information and charges, visit our website at

www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/recycling following the links for other waste collections.

Alternatively, you can take such items to your local HWRC for free, where there are designated areas for different types of waste.

- **Top tips - Why not contact friends and family first to see if they want the item of furniture, advertise it in local papers or on supermarket notice boards. Instead of buying new try auctioneers and antique shops, as they provide an excellent source of individual second-hand furniture and goods.**

Buttons

Local charity stores or schools may accept these.

C

Cans

Clean aluminium and steel food and drink cans should be placed into your kerbside recycling container (grey bin/box).

They can also be taken to the can and plastic bottle banks found at certain NRC's, or to your local HWRC where there are designated collection points.

Car Batteries

See entry under Batteries-Car

Car Tyres

See entry under Tyres

Cardboard

Cardboard can be placed in to your organic waste container (brown bin/paper sack).

It can also be put in a home compost bin where it provides a valuable source of carbon and can help reduce water content in very wet compost.

Cardboard can also be taken to your local HWRC where there will be a designated collection point.

Cards

Greetings cards cannot be placed in either the kerbside organic waste container or the kerbside recycling paper bag. Nor can they be placed in the paper recycling banks at certain NRC's; this is because they are often decorated with embellishments such as foil, glitter or ribbon.

Each January, SMDC sets up special collection points where Christmas cards and other greetings cards can be taken. Information of the dates and collection points for this service are usually published in the December edition of the Moorlands Messenger.

High Street shops, such as WHSmith, Tesco, TKMaxx and Marks & Spencer also provide similar collections every January.

- Top tips - As an alternative, why not re-use your cards as tags for presents or save on cost and resources by creating your own electronic card and send it by email.

Carrier Bags

Use reusable shopping bags such as 'bags for life' where possible or reuse old carrier bags.

Most supermarkets offer schemes to encourage customers to take back their used carrier bags or replace damaged or broken "bags for life".

- Top tips –Why not use carrier bags as kitchen bin liners.

Cartons (Tetra Pak)

These can be taken to your local HWRC where collection banks are situated.

- Top tips – Instead of buying milk and fruit juice in cartons why not use a local milkman. This will reduce the amount of waste and makes better use of materials as milk and fruit juices will often be delivered in reusable glass containers.

Catalogues

As long as they are not hard backed, they can be placed in to your kerbside recycling paper bags or in the paper banks at certain NRC's. If they are hard backed, then remove the covers and dispose of these as you would cardboard, the pages can then be recycled.

- Top tip - Why not stop using catalogues and go online instead as most stores now have websites.

CDs & DVDs

Charity shops, hospital radio stations, some schools and playgroups often welcome CDs and DVDs. Alternatively, second-hand dealers who may purchase them can be found in the Yellow Pages. There are now many web sites that offer facilities to sell or swap such items.

- Top tips - Instead of buying CDs and DVDs, they can be borrowed from your local library.
Alternatively you could reuse them by hanging them up in your vegetable garden to scare away the birds, use as reflectors on the drive or in the garage, or as drink coasters.

CFC's

It is very important that items containing CFC's are disposed of in the correct manner. *See entry under Fridges and Freezers.*

Charity Shops

There are numerous charity shops within the Moorlands, which accept a wide range of goods. For more information telephone numbers can be found in the Yellow Pages, or look on the charities website.

China

Many charity shops accept good quality china, preferably in sets, for re-sale. Alternatively they could be sold at car boot sales or local fairs.

Christmas Trees

SMDC accepts real Christmas trees via your organic waste service. Please chop them up where possible and place into the organic waste container (brown bin/paper sacks).

Skips for green waste are provided all year round at your local HWRC.

Civic Amenity

See Household Waste Recycling Centres

Clothes

See entry under Textiles

Crockery

See entry under China

Crutches

These should be returned to the physiotherapy department at hospitals.

Chemical/hazardous household waste

These include paints, pesticides, household cleaners, battery acids, weed killers, rat poison (rodenticides), paint stripper etc. Do not pour such down drains as they will pollute rivers and streams.

Please read the manufacturers' disposal instructions carefully, or you can take them to your local HWRC.

Commercial Waste

At present SMDC is unable to offer a recycling service for commercial waste. However, this is currently being investigated. In the mean time local companies that collect commercial waste for recycling can be found in the Yellow Pages or visit www.wasterecycling.co.uk for details of local companies and what they can collect.

For information on how to reduce the amount of commercial waste you generate contact Envirowise's Environment and Energy Helpline on 0800 585 794 or log on to their website www.envirowise.gov.uk.

Compost

Homemade compost is the best possible free supply of soil conditioner for your garden or plants and a great alternative to expensive, environmentally harmful artificial fertilisers and peat.

Computers

Computers can be taken along to your local HWRC for recycling.

There are also organisations that will collect your computer for a small fee, and then donate it for re-use in schools and community organisations in the developing world. Visit www.computeraid.org for more information. Old or redundant IT equipment can be recycled by local company The Ethical Recycling Centre; for more information visit www.terc.org.uk or contact them on 01782 823035.

Computer Games

See entry under Games

Cooking Oil

See entry under Oil-cooking

Curtains

See entry under Textiles

Coat Hangers

Get in touch with your local charity shops or try local dry cleaners to see if they are in need of coat hangers.

- **Top tips - To reduce the number of unwanted coat hangers, only accept them from clothes shops when they are needed.**

D

Drinks cartons

See cartons (Tetra pak)

DVDs

See CDs & DVDs

Duvets

The City Dogs Home will accept these items, contact them on 01782 304130.

They are unfortunately not acceptable in your kerbside recycling textile bag or in the textile banks at NRC's. They can be disposed of at your local HWRC within the general waste containers.

E

Egg Boxes

Cardboard egg boxes can be placed in to your organic waste container (brown bin/paper sack). They are also excellent in a compost heap as they provide a good source of carbon and help create keep air pockets as well as helping to soak up excess water.

Local farmers will often take egg boxes if they are not labelled up with other company's names. Try your local farms, market stalls or your milkman.

Schools often use egg boxes in art classes.

- Top tips - Reuse egg boxes as seedling trays/pots.

Electrical Equipment

Working electrical goods may be of use to the Furniture Mine (*see entry under Bulky Waste*).

Reciproc8 are a recycling company that focus upon the recycling of electronic equipment such as mobile phones, PDAs, MP3/4s, SatNavs, Ink Jet Cartridges & Toners. They run a reward scheme where points are gained for the items they collect which can then be exchanged for a variety of products. For more information on the scheme visit their web site www.reciproc8.co.uk

If you are buying new equipment, ask the store you are purchasing from if they accept redundant electrical items for recycling/disposal.

Broken or unwanted cookers and other electrical items can be taken to your local HWRC or collected by SMDC for a small charge (*see entry under Bulky Waste*).

- Top tips – Why not consider renting equipment such as TVs, DVD players and Stereo Systems. This allows you to keep up with the latest models and all servicing and repairs are usually included in the rental. Look in the Yellow Pages for rental firms.

Engine Oil

There are collection points at your local HWRC for old engine oil.

Envelopes

Envelopes with water-soluble glue can be placed in to your kerbside recycling paper bag, placed in a paper bank at certain NRC's or torn up and added to a compost bin.

Other envelopes can only be placed in the above containers if the self-seal glue strip and plastic window are removed. These cause holes and imperfections in recycled paper, and clog up the recycling machines.

- Top tips - You can reuse envelopes by placing a label over the address section. Many charities provide reuse labels, so you can support a good cause as well as reducing your rubbish.

Exercise Books

Old school exercise books can be placed in either your kerbside recycling paper bag or taken to the paper banks at certain NRC's.

- **Top tips - If there are blank pages use them for scrap notepaper before you recycle the paper.**

F

Foil

This can be placed into your kerbside recycling container (grey bin/box), or put in to a can and plastic bank at certain NRC's.

Food Waste

Cooked and uncooked food waste can be placed in to your kerbside organic waste container (brown bin/paper sack).

Vegetable peelings and fruit waste can be composted at home (*see entry under Compost*).

Why not try to buy food that has been produced locally wherever possible. It cuts down on the pollution generated to bring it to you, and also minimises the need for excess packaging. Supporting farmers' markets is often the best way of doing this.

To help to reduce the amount of food we throw away, WRAP has a new campaign called 'Love Food, Hate Waste'. Why not check out the web site for ideas on how to cut down on food waste www.lovefoodhatewaste.com.

Furniture

See entry under Bulky Waste

Fridges/Freezers

Please ensure that all fridge's and freezers are disposed of correctly to ensure that harmful gasses are not released in to the environment.

The Furniture Mine, a local based charity, will collect fridges/freezers for reuse. To contact them telephone 01782 846111.

SMDC will also collect these items as a chargeable bulky waste collection, or you can take them to your local HWRC free of charge, where there is a designated collection point.

Fluorescent Tubes

Because of the mercury they contain these are classed as hazardous waste and should be taken to your local HWRC, where there will be a designated collection point.

G

Games

Any type of game that is in good condition can be taken to charity shops or sold at local fairs or car boot sales.

Garden Waste

Garden waste can be placed in to your organic waste container (brown bin/paper sack). It can also go in to a home compost bin (*see entry under Compost*) or be taken to your local HWRC, where there will be a designated collection point.

Gas Cylinders

These should be returned to the retailer or supplier so that they can be reused. Alternatively, they can be taken to your local HWRC, where there will be a designated collection point.

Glass Bottles/Jars

Glass bottles/jars can be placed in to your kerbside recycling container (grey bin/box) taken to a glass bottle bank at certain NRC's, or taken to a HWRC. Instead of buying goods in bottles and jars each time you shop, why not buy refill packs or look out for returnable bottles whenever possible (*see entry under Milk bottles*).

- **Top tips – Why not reuse glass jars at home for storage or for putting homemade jams and chutneys in to.**

Glasses/Spectacles

Most high street opticians collect old glasses and donate them to communities in developing countries.

Greetings Cards

See entry under Cards

H

Handbags

These can be placed in the kerbside recycling textile bag, or taken to a textile bank at certain NRC's. Handbags that are in good condition could be sent to local Charity shops.

Hats

These can be placed in the kerbside recycling textile bag, or taken to a textile bank at certain NRC's. Hats that are in good condition could be sent to local Charity shops.

Hardcore

See entry under *Building Materials*.

Hazardous Waste

Your local HWRC will accept restricted amounts of domestic hazardous waste. This includes such items as car batteries, household and garden chemicals, fluorescent and energy saving light bulbs, paint etc. For further information telephone 0800 23 23 23 or email recycling@staffordshire.gov.uk

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC's)

Also known as Civic Amenities Sites, tips etc, these are sites operated by Staffordshire County Council. There are three sites within the Staffordshire Moorlands:

1. Fowlchurch Road, Leek ST13 6BH
2. Bemersley Road, Biddulph ST8 7QT
3. New Haden Road, Cheadle ST10 1FB

For further information on opening hours and the materials accepted at each site contact SCC on 0800 23 23 23 or visit their web site

www.recycleforstaffordshire.org

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Inkjet Cartridges

Why not purchase refilled cartridges, try www.cartridgeworld.org, they sell both refilled cartridges and also buy back used ones.

Alternatively, many stationery organisations, such as Staples, have a return policy for used cartridges and sell remanufactured ones at a reduced cost.

Charities such as Scope collect cartridges for recycling visit www.recyclingappeal.com/scope or call 08451 302010 (quoting Scope). The British Red Cross benefit from the collection of both Hewlett Packard & Lexmark printer inkjet cartridges, as they receive a donation of £1 for each one returned.

Send your used ink jet cartridges to:

Used Inkjet Appeal
FREEPOST NATE223
Newmarket
CB8 7BR

Or, email freepost@redcross.org.uk to receive a supply of freepost envelopes.

Local schools may also collect used ink toners/cartridges for recycling and to help raise funds.

See entries under *Electronic Equipment*

J

Jars

See entry under Glass.

Jewellery

Some jewellers may purchase second hand jewellery. It can also be donated to charity stores, or local fairs.

Jigsaw Puzzles

Donate unwanted jigsaw puzzles to schools, playgroups, residential homes, or take them to charity shops or local fairs.

Junk Mail

Contact the Mailing Preference Service to have your name removed from mailing lists and to stop many items of unwanted junk mail. You can either register on line at www.mpsonline.org.uk, telephone 0845 703 4599 or write to: -

Mailing Preference Service (MPS)

DMA House

70 Margaret Street

London

W1W 8SS

You can opt out of receiving unaddressed junk mail via the Royal Mail opt out service. Please note that by signing up to this scheme everyone residing at the property will no longer receive unaddressed mail.

Send or email your name and address to the address below:

Freepost RRBT-ZBXB-TTTS

Royal Mail Door to Door Opt Outs

Kingsmead House

Oxpens Road

OXFORD

OX1 1RX

or email: optout@royalmail.com

A form will then be sent to you for completion. The whole process will take around six weeks to set up.

K

Keys and Locks

These can be put in to the scrap metal containers at your local HWRC.

Kitchen Foil

See entry under Foil

Kitchen Waste

See entry under Food Waste

L

Leaves

These can be placed into your organic waste container (brown bin/paper sack). Dry leaves can also be added to a home compost bin.

- **Top tips - How about making leaf mould? Its very easy. Collect the leaves, place in a black bin bag and store in a stacked pile within your garden. Put a few holes into each bag and leave for about a year. The leaf mould can then be dug straight in to the garden or added to your compost heap.**

Light bulbs

Try to use energy efficient light bulbs. They may be more expensive on initial purchase, but will save you money in the long run by lasting considerably longer than standard light bulbs. They are also better for the environment as they use less electricity. When they no longer work, take them to your local HWRC where there will be a designated collection point

M

Magazines

See entry under Paper

Manure

This is excellent for home composting and is very good for your garden. It will help to heat up a cold compost heap and boost the composting process.

Medicine

Please return unused or out of date medicines to your local chemist to ensure safe disposal.

Milk bottles

Instead of getting your milk in plastic bottles, why not use the local milkman. This will reduce the amount of waste you generate and is a better use of materials as the milk is delivered in reusable glass containers. The average milk bottle is used over 20 times. Milkmen also provide other products such as yoghurt, orange juice, eggs and lemonade straight to your door.

Try the Yellow Pages, under Dairies, for details of local milkmen.

Mobile phones

Many charities accept mobile phones along with their batteries and chargers. The British Red Cross receive £3 for every mobile phone that is recycled. To request a mobile phone recycling envelope, go to www.redcross.org.uk or call 020 7877 7565.

Rainbow Trust works with Greener Solutions to recycle mobile phones and turn them into funds to help support families who have a child with a life threatening or terminal illness. No matter what the condition the mobile phone is in they receive £3.50 from Greener Solutions. To request a FREEPOST envelope telephone 01372 220023 or emailing louise.bingham@rainbowtrust.org.uk

Oxfam also accept mobile phones. To donate a phone visit www.oxfam.org.uk, telephone 0870 752 0999, send in a jiffy bag containing unwanted phones to:

Oxfam Bring Bring Scheme

Freepost LON16281

London

WC1N 3BR

or simply take them to your local Oxfam shop.

The majority of manufacturers will take back mobile phones and accessories.

See entries under Electronic Equipment

Motor Oil

See entry under Engine Oil

N

Nappies

Parents or carers can receive a reward of £30 per child for using “real nappies” rather than disposable nappies through the Staffordshire Nappy scheme. Lots of parents are now opting to use modern cotton nappies to wash at home. Washable nappies work out much cheaper, especially if there is more than one child in the family. They are much easier to use than the old terry nappies, linings can also be purchased separately and can be flushed down the toilet. For further information on real nappies visit www.realnappycampaign.com or telephone 0845 850 0606.

Neighbourhood Recycling Centres (NRC's)

Also known as bring sites; there are around 40 centres across the Moorlands, which host banks for a wide range of materials to be recycled. These include glass, paper, cans, plastic bottles and textiles. These sites are often located on supermarket, public houses or council operated car parks.

For details of your nearest site and the materials that are collected please visit the www.staffs Moorlands.gov.uk/recycling following the links for Neighbourhood Recycling Centre's.

Newspapers

See entry under Paper

O

Oil - Car

See entry under Engine Oil

Oil – Cooking

Used cooking oil should be transferred into an empty plastic bottle and placed into your general rubbish container for collection (blue lidded bin or black sacks).

P

Paper

Paper, shredded paper, newspapers, magazines, brochures, telephone directories and junk mail can be placed in your kerbside recycling paper bag. They can also be taken to certain NRC's, and placed in the paper bank.

Magazines and comics could also be donated to local doctors and dentist surgeries or hospital waiting rooms.

- Top tips – Remember to use both sides of notepaper before sending it to be recycled and set your computer printer to print double sided.
Newspaper can also be used in home composting as it is a carbon rich material that will help soak up water and add air pockets when balled.

Packaging

A lot of plastic packaging found around retail items is often unnecessary and difficult to recycle. Instead of purchasing things that are packaged in such materials, why not buy loose products instead. Many small high street shops and farmers markets often sell goods free from excess packaging.

Paint

Left over household paint can be taken along to your local HWRC, where there will be a designated collection point.

Plastic and Plastic Bottles

A wide range of plastic can now be recycled by placing it in to your kerbside recycling container (grey bin/box). A list of the types of plastic that are acceptable can be found at www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/recycling following the links for the grey bin.

Plastic bottles can be taken to certain NRC's where they should be placed into the can and plastic bottle bank.

- **Top tips** - Instead of buying milk in plastic bottles why not use a milkman as these glass bottles are reused many times. Also, many products can be bought in refillable containers.
Try to avoid plastic packaging wherever possible. Remember that a lot of things sold in plastic could come in more environmentally friendly and easy-to-recycle packaging, such as glass and cans or tins i.e. choose dog or cat food in tins over plastic pouches which are unrecyclable.

Plastic Bags

See entry under Carrier Bags

Printer Cartridges

See entry under Inkjet Cartridges

Postage Stamps

See entry under Stamps

Pots and Pans

Charity shops or jumble sales will sell on good quality items. Alternatively take them to your local HWRC and place into the scrap metal container.

R

Radios

See entry under Electrical Equipment

Rubble

See entry under Building Materials

S

Scrap Metal

Small amounts of scrap metal can be taken to your local HWRC, where there will be a designated collection point.

Shoes

Paired shoes can be placed in your kerbside recycling textile bag. They can also be taken to certain NRC's and placed within a textile bank.

So that pairs of shoes do not get separated, tie them together (using laces or buckles).

Shredded Paper

See entry under Paper

Soft Toys

See entry under Toys

Stamps

Stamps are often collected by charities such as Guide Dogs for the Blind. Visit their website www.guidedogs.org.uk for more information.

I

Tapes: (Audio and Video)

These can be passed on to charity shops, hospital radio stations, some schools and playgroups. Alternatively, a second-hand dealer may purchase them from you. Try local markets or second hand stalls

Telephone Directories

White telephone directories such as The Phone Book or Thomson Directory can be recycled by placing them in to your kerbside recycling paper bag.

They can also be taken, along with Yellow Pages, to certain NRC's that have a paper bank, or visit your local HWRC, where there will be designated banks.

Televisions

See entry under Electrical Equipment

Tetra pak

See cartons (Tetra pak)

Textiles

Textiles can be recycled by putting them in to your kerbside recycling textile bag. Clothes, shoes, bags, belts, bedding, curtains and towels are also accepted. Please try and ensure the textiles are dry and clean and that paired shoes are tied together (using laces or buckles). Wearable clothing is reused in the UK and developing countries, while non-wearable items are recycled into filling materials and wiper cloths, or the fibres are reclaimed and re-spun.

They can also be taken to a textile bank at certain NRC's, or to your local HWRC, where there will be a designated bank.

Wearable clothes can also be given to charity shops or local jumble sales.

Tin Cans

See entry under Cans

Tools

Certain charities will accept tools that are usable. Tools With A Mission send tools all over the world to enable people to earn a living to support themselves. For further information visit their website at www.twam.co.uk

Toys

Contact your local charity shop, hospital or clinics and ask them if they would benefit from good quality toys.

They could also be passed to friends or neighbours for reuse by their children.

Tyres

Local HWRCs will accept a restricted number of tyres from domestic premises. For further information on opening hours call 0800 23 23 23.

- **Top tips – Extend the life of your car tyres through regular maintenance and checking tyre pressures frequently.**

Television

See entry under Electrical Equipment

U

Unwanted Mail

See entry under Junk Mail

Useful Websites

www.allthingseco.co.uk - This eco directory provides links to many environmentally friendly organisations.

www.efreeko.co.uk - This website enables users to give all sorts of items away, for free. The only charge is the postage and packaging, unless the item is within a local area and can be picked up.

www.energysavingsecrets.co.uk - Ideas on how to save energy, money and the environment, at home and at work

www.freecycle.org.uk - Is a non-profit movement of people who are giving and getting stuff for free in their own towns.

www.naturalcollection.com and www.thegreenshop.co.uk - These websites sell eco friendly products such as rechargeable batteries, solar powered and wind-up items.

www.recycledproducts.org.uk - This website sells all sorts of different items that have been made from recycled materials

www.recycleforstaffordshire.org - Staffordshire's recycling website

www.recyclenow.co.uk - This website is dedicated to raising recycling awareness and promoting responsible waste management. It looks at ways to reduce, reuse and recycle waste.

www.2recycle.co.uk - This is a free and easy to use website which enables people to give away unwanted goods for free to others who may find them useful.

www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk - SMDC website

www.SustainableStuff.co.uk - Gives advice on how to save valuable resources

www.vskips.org - . This is a unique, free online service where instead of hiring a real skip, you are able to upload your unwanted items to a virtual skip for other users in the area to claim and collect

www.wastedirectory.org.uk - This website has been set up by the Environment Agency, and it gives information of the nearest licensed waste disposal and recycling sites. It is particularly useful for businesses and for details of sites that accept the more obscure types of waste.

www.wasteonline.org.uk - This website contains pages of information on waste, from how to reduce it, to the different methods of disposing of it.

www.yell.com - Yellow pages website

V

Vegetable Waste

See entry under Food Waste

Video Recorders

See entry under Electrical Equipment

W

White Goods

See entry under Bulky Waste

Wood and Timber

These items can be taken to your local HWRC, where there will be a designated collection point.

Washing machines

See entry under Electrical Equipment

Water Filters

Brita Water Filters will recycle their used filters. Collect 6 and send them to:

Brita Recycling

FREEPOST NAT 17876

Bicester

OX26 4BR

Wedding Dresses

Oxfam have a number of designated shops that sell wedding dresses. For further information visit their web site www.oxfam.org.uk or telephone 0845 3000 311.

Wool

Charity shops and jumble sales often accept good quality wool for resale.

X

Y

Yellow Pages

Yellow pages can be placed in the paper bank at certain NRC's or within your paper bag collected on the kerbside recycling scheme.

Alternatively, place unwanted copies into your organic waste container (brown bin/paper sack).

You can opt out of receiving a yellow pages to do this call Yellow Pages General Enquiries on 0845 603 7109 or send a web form via

<http://www.yellgroup.com/english/contactyell-yellukcustomerservice-generalenquiries>

Z