



Did You KNOW?

Waste Facts



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UK households produce 7,2 million tonnes of food and drink waste each year, 4,4 tonnes of which could have been eaten if stored or portioned properly.

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47,9 million tonnes is the commercial and industrial waste thrown away in England each year. That's a quarter of all waste in the country.

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Nearly 18% of all households in the UK received a food waste collection service in 2012. That's twice as many as in 2010.

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76% of the businesses in UK hospitality sector claim to recycle at least one material. The most common recycled items are glass and card, while the least are kitchen waste and textiles.

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1,8 million tonnes is the amount of food and drink disposed down the drain by UK households. 1,5 million tonnes of that waste could have been avoided if it had been better portioned or stored.



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The hospitality sector in the UK produces 3,4 million tonnes of rubbish per year, and around 600,000 of that is food waste, 400,000 tonnes of which could have been eaten if it had been better prepared, portioned and/or stored.

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Only 20% of the products and materials that enter the UK economy get recycled. Roughly, that makes 115 million tonnes of goods recycled each year.

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The average household throws away around 208 aluminium cans a year. The total value of empty aluminum cans in the UK is estimated at 30 million pounds.

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The UK is the country with the largest volume of household waste buried in landfills among the EU countries. More than 19 million tonnes of household waste end up in the UK landfills each year.

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The total amount of waste produced per year by an average family in the UK exceeds one million tones. That makes nearly 30 million tonnes of waste thrown away from our homes, or three and a half million times the weight of a double-decker bus.



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Recycling Facts



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The energy saved from recycling one glass bottle or jar is enough to power your computer for 20 minutes.

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The power you get from recycling a single plastic bottle is enough to give power to a 60-watt light bulb for as much as 3 hours!

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If you recycle paper, instead of making it anew from raw materials, you save about 70% of the energy needed.

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About 60% (or more) of the waste we throw away in the bin can be composted or recycled back into perfectly usable materials.

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If we recycle the annual contents of a rubbish bin, we can power up a telly for about 5000 hours straight!



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The average amount of money you spend for packaging is 16% of the whole price. Guess what – the packaging usually goes to the rubbish disposal.

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It is a well-known fact, that 9 out of 10 people would definitely recycle more than they do know, if recycling was made easier.

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A huge part of a vehicle can be recycled – up to 80%! This is quite a bit of metal to be reused.

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If you have spare aluminium – recycle it. The cans can be made ready to use in just 6 weeks.

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The number of trees needed to create a tonne of newspaper is 24. The average person in the United Kingdom uses about 38kg of newspapers during the whole year. That's a lot of trees.

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