

BAN WASTE

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE'S

REDUCE, REUSE,

REPAIR AND

RECYCLE

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wood

Automotive Waste

batteries (automotive)

facts Nearly 99 million wet-cell lead-acid car batteries are manufactured each year. They are one of the few types of battery that can be recycled.

reduce

reuse

recycle Car batteries, by law, must not be disposed of with household waste. You can recycle car batteries at all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) in Newcastle.

repair

local contacts Call Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

bicycles

facts

reduce

reuse

Advertise locally in free papers, bike shops, supermarket notice boards, jumble sales or car boots sales. Donate to charity shops. You can either donate to or purchase bicycles from Recyke y'Bike, a local charity that refurbishes bikes to sells locally as well as sending some out to Africa.

recycle

Even if your bicycle is beyond repair you can still recycle it with Recyke y'Bike.

Alternatively you can take it to the HWRC (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and put it in the scrap metal bin.

repair

You can easily have your bike repaired at many local bike shops.

Alternatively Recyke y'Bike run bicycle maintenance classes so you can learn how to do it yourself and they also offer FixYourOwnBike space so you can borrow their tools for a small fee

local contacts

In the Newcastle area:
 Recyke Y'Bike
 Railway Arch 2, (Ouseburn Viaduct), Hannington Street, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1JT
 0191 265 4197
<http://www.recyke-y-bike.org>

Kids Kabin, Church Walk, Walker, Newcastle NE6 3DL. Phone 01912953655
<http://www.kidskabin.org.uk>
 Open Mon-Thurs 9 'til 8pm, Friday 9 'til 5pm

national contacts

Nationwide information about bike recycling in the UK: <http://www.bikerecycling.net>

comments

end-of-life vehicles

facts The quantity of used vehicles that are not resold equate to more than 2 million tonnes of material to be recovered or disposed of. 1.85 million cars are recycled every year in the UK and approximately 80 per cent of waste vehicle materials are recycled, with the remainder going to landfill. As car ownership increases it is important that the proportion of each end-of-life vehicle being recycled is maximised, so that the impact is reduced.

reduce

reuse Your old vehicle may be more valuable than you think, you may be able to sell it on or donate it. Old or unusual cars may be restored by enthusiasts.

recycle Parts can be removed and reused in most cases, and this will be done by any breakers yard or you can even do it yourself. If you take your end-of-life vehicle to a breakers yard you may have to pay for de-pollution, depending on market values for steel, to comply with new EU regulations. Look in your Yellow Pages for authorised breakers yards.

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

engine oil

facts See oil(engine)

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

tyres

facts

reduce Try to buy reconditioned or remoulded tyres where they are available. By keeping tyres inflated at the correct pressure and keeping the wheel balancing and tracking in check you will need to replace them less often.

reuse Scrap tyres can be used as boat fenders, and also used to make children's play equipment. By stacking them you can create compost containers or planters.

Extracting the maximum safe life from a tyre saves valuable resources (oil, rubber, steel etc). Before the tyre can be resold it must be checked. Part-worn-tyres must have a minimum of 2mm tread remaining and be marked as part-worn on both sides at the time of sale. A survey in the northwest of England showed that 40% of part-worn tyres were illegal, in northwest London the figure was 20% of tyres sold.

recycle Tyres cannot be put in with general household waste. Burning tyres is illegal and causes toxic pollution. Most garages will accept tyres for recycling or safe disposal. The metal rim, once removed from the tyre, can be recycled at a recycling facility. You can take tyres to all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) for recycling

repair

local contacts Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

Building Materials

bricks

facts

reduce

reuse

Avoid using new bricks; there are many architectural salvage centres that can provide reusable materials for construction.

recycle

The Newcastle City Council Household Waste and Recycling Centres at Brunswick, Byker and Walbottle accept building waste for recycling.

repair

local contacts

see building waste entry for contacts

national contacts

To find outlets for old bricks and other second hand construction or antique goods check out Salvo Materials Information Exchange (<http://www.salvomie.co.uk/index.html>) low value, construction and landscape materials and Smartwaste Directory (<http://www>.

comments

building waste

facts

reduce

reuse

There are many architectural salvage centres that can provide reusable materials for construction.

recycle

The Newcastle City Council Household Waste and Recycling Centres at Brunswick, Byker and Walbottle accept building waste (rubble and wood) for recycling.

repair

local contacts

OLDE WORLDE FIREPLACES
18 Blandford Square,
NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE,
NE1 4HZ,
Tyne and Wear,
Tel: 0191 261 9229
Fax: 0191 261 9229
Mob: 07768 774384
Proprietor : Martin Bell

Reclaimed marble, cast iron, slate, wood fire surrounds, cast iron inserts, Victorian pine doors, stained glass sales and restoration, repro and antique door furniture.

G O'Brien & Son's Ltd
Cleadon House,
Cleadon Lane,
East Boldon,
Sunderland,
NE36 0AJ,
Tyne and Wear,
Tel: 0191-5374332
Fax: 0191-5365605
Mob: 07966-560584

Manager : Steve Palmer
Demolition company selling- Reclaimed Building Stone, Bricks, Roof Slates, Roof Tiles, Cobbles, Stone Flags, Natural Wall and Floor Tiles, Hardwood & Pine Flooring, radiators etc

national contacts

comments

tools

facts

reduce

reuse

John at the Harbour Market has a vast collection of old hand tools for sale.

Within Newcastle, unwanted hand tools can be donated to Tyneside Tool Aid whose volunteers refurbish them and make up tool kits to distribute here and abroad. Although Tyneside Tool Aid cannot pass on donated electric tools they may be able to use them in their own workshop.

Carpentry, building and blacksmith tools are always required for reuse in poorer countries. Tools for Self Reliance repair and refurbish them, and work with local organisations in Africa, providing tools and training to help craft workers.

Workaid refurbish tools and sends them to vocational training projects in developing countries. They accept any tools, from hand tools to welding machines.

Tools With A Mission also collects tools for developing countries.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Harbour Market, Little Bedford St, North Shields NE29 6NW Phone 01912592433
Open Monday to Saturday 9-4pm

Tyneside Tool Aid. Between 32 and 34 Cypress Ave NE4 9ST there is a black tarmac path, walk 30 foot along to a courtyard. Tyneside ToolAids workshop is there. But it is best to phone Jim Snowdon before visiting. Phone 0191 274 9144.

national contacts

Tools for self-reliance: <http://www.tfsr.org>

Tools with a mission: <http://www.twam.co.uk>

comments

Computers & Telecoms

cables

facts

reduce

reuse

Acorn Computer Recycling, who refurbish IT equipment to sell cheaply or donate to community groups, can use all sorts of cables. Drop them into their workshop

recycle

repair

local contacts

Acorn Computer Recycling,
Unit 11 Point Pleasant Industrial Estate, Wallsend NE28 6HA
Phone 0191 2635010
<http://www.acorncr.co.uk>
Open Monday to Friday 10am-5pm

national contacts

comments

computer equipment

facts IT equipment accounts for 39 per cent of the 1 million tonnes of waste electronic equipment discarded by householders and commercial groups in the UK. Therefore, refurbishing and recycling computers is important to sustainable waste strategies. Dealing with this is an important issue, as electronic goods are becoming short lived.

reduce With computer technology improving all the time many machines become obsolete after only a few years and need replacing. Try to buy machines that can be easily upgraded to reduce the need to replace them. If you do need to replace your equipment, is it re

reuse There are now many organisations that refurbish computer equipment and pass it on to charities, or send it to developing countries. Data protection isn't a problem as hard drives can be wiped clean, and can be done at your own premises; Government departments and banks now make use of these groups.

Locally try Acorn Computer Recycling or Recycle IT.

recycle All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept waste electrical and electronic equipment (also known as WEEE) for recycling.

If you have a few bits and bobs it may be worth contacting: Recycling IT (Europe) Ltd. This is a private limited company with a strong focus towards social and charitable groups. All their employees are from the long term unemployed/ socially deprived sectors.

They accept - all IT Equipment - Base Units- no minimum specification, Monitors all sizes - no work stations, printers - all types, Keyboards Mice Cables, Network equipment, Servers. They provide documentation for duty of care responsibilities and Certificate of Data Shredding (for confidential material) if this is required.

They collect - from across the UK mainland, and charge £3.60 per item (base unit, Monitor, printer, or 'box of bits'). Large items may incur a surcharge and a small fuel levy may apply for long distance work. Please ask for details. They collect a minimum quantity of 30 items but smaller quantities may be delivered to their site. They serve both domestic and business users.

repair

local contacts

Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000

Acorn Computer Recycling (C.I.C)
Their Warehouse is at Unit 11
Point Pleasant Industrial Estate
Wallsend
Tyne & Wear
NE28 6HA
Telephone: 0191 2635010

Their shop is at:
86A Station Road
Wallsend
Tyne & Wear
NE28 6TD
Telephone: 0191 2635010

Recycling-it
Unit 1 & 2
The John Clarke Centre,
Teesport Commerce Park,
Middlesbrough
TS6 6UZ
01642 455466
enquiries@recycling-it.co.uk
<http://www.recycling-it.co.uk>

national contacts

Computer Aid International
433 Holloway Road
London
N7 6LJ
0207 281 0091

info@computeraid.org
<http://www.computeraid.org>

Digital Links - A registered charity offering a comprehensive IT disposal service including collection and certified d

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mobile phones/chargers

facts

15 million mobile phones are upgraded in the UK each year, laid from end-to-end they would reach from John O'Groats to Lands End! And up to 80 per cent of a phone is recyclable, so don't send it to landfill or leave it in the drawer - recycle it!

reduce

If you give your phone to a friend or family member you prevent them buying a new one.

reuse

Most major mobile phone companies now take part in the Fonebak scheme which allows customers to return phones to the shop where they were purchased.

Many parts can be reused: Useful parts include aerials, battery connectors, PCBs (printed circuit boards), connectors including gold-coated edge contacts on PCBs, ICs (integrated circuits), keyboards, LCD screens, lenses, microphones, phone housings, screws, SIM card assemblies and speakers

Smoky Joes in Newcastle City Centre sells a lot of used mobile phones. Further afield, 'Georges' has plenty and both Georges and Secondhand Rose have loads of phone chargers if you've lost yours!

The Great Air Ambulance will collect donated phones and chargers for recycling.

recycle

Several schemes exist which collect and refurbish or recycle mobile phones, with some charities also collecting mobile phones for recycling. If you'd prefer to donate direct to a charity, there are a growing number of charities which accept old mobile phones, including:

- Help the Aged (<http://www.helptheaged.org.uk>)
- Against Breast Cancer (<http://www.aabc.org.uk>) and
- Oxfam (<http://www.oxfam.org.uk>) which runs a phone return scheme with the catch phrase of Bring Bring!

Each phone is worth £5 to the charity

repair

local contacts

Georges, 29 Frederick St, South Shields Phone 07936664181

Smokey Joes, 46 Pilgrim St, Newcastle NE1 6SF Phone 0191 2614154
 Open approx Monday to Saturday 10.30-5.30

Secondhand Rose, 537 Stanhope Rose, Sunderland NE33 4DX Phone 0191 4566503
 Open Monday to Saturday 9-5, closed

The Great Air Ambulance
Judith@greatnorthairambulnce.co.uk Phone 01325 487263

national contacts

For details on Foneback scheme go to <http://www.fonebak.com>

There are many available but here are a few:

Cartridges for Charity (<http://www.cartridges4charity.co.uk>) collect mobiles using a FREEPOST address and then sell them to raise money for ch

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printer cartridges / toners

facts Over 47 million cartridges go into UK landfill sites each year and this is increasing annually. There are a wide range of charities and businesses that will accept ink cartridges from you as they can make money from them

reduce When buying your printer, choose one that uses cartridges that can be easily refilled or that can easily accept generic or refilled cartridges.

reuse Give them to an organisation or charity so that they can sell them and make money. Or you can refill them and use them again yourself. Buy refilled cartridges whenever possible. They are cheaper than new ones, and prevent waste.

recycle There are many charities or businesses that will accept printer cartridges for recycling e.g. The Great Air Ambulance Service run an efficient collection scheme for recycling ink cartridges and toners.

repair

local contacts Judith@greatnorthairambulnce.co.uk Phone 01325487263

A wide selection can also be found at <http://www.reuze.co.uk/laser.shtml>

One local business that accepts printer cartridges is:

Sidney J Holland,
Ink and Toner Cartridge Refill
Telephone: (0191) 2659250
Fax: (0191) 2659250
Email: sidneyholland@yahoo.co.uk

national contacts

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printers

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Electrical

cables (see electrical and electronic equipment)

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comments

cameras

facts

Avoid disposable cameras. Whilst some manufacturers such as Kodak and Fujifilm will accept these cameras back for recycling, many do not. If you do need to dispose of a camera, ensure that it is deposited correctly with other waste electrical and electronic equipment.

reduce

Buy a digital camera and view your images on screen only printing the ones that you want.

reuse

Working cameras can be donated to charity shops and you can buy second hand cameras at specialist shops.

Unwanted cameras (both broken and working) can be donated to APM Camera repairs who will use the parts for repairs. They also accept tripods, camera accessories, old photographs and negatives.

recycle

All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept cameras for recycling.

repair

You can have a range of old and new cameras repaired at shops in Newcastle - see the contacts for further details.

local contacts

Classic Photographics,
6, Old Eldon Square
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 7JG
(Near Monument Metro Station)

Paul Cordes for sales: 0779 156 0249
Alan Mettars for repairs: 0191 2212340

APM Camera Repairs, 5-6 Old Eldon Square, Newcastle NE1 7JG
Phone 01912212340
Open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

CDs -Compact discs

facts

reduce

Consider renting CDs or DVD's from your local library instead of buying them.

Also in the office try to use reuseable CDs where possible or a reuseable flashdrive.

reuse

Charity shops and second hand shops will accept CDs that are in good condition and they are able to resell.

For redundant CDs, consider giving them to local schools or scrap store (our local one is the House of Objects) where they could be used in arts and crafts projects.

Reuse ideas at home include hanging CDs in the garden or allotment to deter birds, used as reflectors in the driveway or garage, or even used as drinks coasters.

The Mind 'Books and Things' shop in Newcastle has a wider selection of reasonably priced 2nd hand CDs than most charity shops. RPM are an excellent 2nd-hand record store that buy and sell CDs. Both Tynemouth (Metro Station, Saturdays and Sundays) and South Shields Markets (Market Place, Fridays) are good for 2nd-hand CDs, with most bargains to be found at South Shields.

recycle

The Blue Peter Barnardos Disc Drive appeal collects unwanted discs for Barnardo's shops and the proceeds will be used to support young carers across the UK.

Alternatively Polymer Recycling Ltd. accept postal/courier deliveries of unwanted CDs, DVDs and jewel cases from organisations and members of the public for recycling, provided that postage/delivery is paid by the sender. If you wish to send your discs to them, please ensure that no other items except CDs, DVDs and their associated packaging are included in the consignment.

repair

local contacts

Creative recycling - House of Objects
The Rising Sun Countryside Centre, Whitley Road
Benton, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE12 9SS

Mind, 74 Clayton Street, Newcastle NE1 5PG. Phone 0191 2211540
Open Mon to Sat 9am - 5pm, Sundays 11 -4pm

RPM , Old George Yard, Cloth Market, Newcastle NE1 1EZ. Phone 01912210201
Open Monday to Saturday 10am-6.30pm
<http://www.myspace.com/rpmrecordshop>

national contacts

Blue Peter Barnardos Disc Drive for more information visit: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/discdrive/>

Or post discs to:
Blue Peter Disc Drive
Barnardo's
Unit 3 Fortune Industrial Park
Laindon
Essex
SS15 6ED

Polymer Recycling Ltd
Peninsula

comments

cookers**facts**

Also see electrical items

reduce**reuse**

Electric cookers can be donated to and bought from St Oswald's furniture outlets.

Gas and Electric can be donated to and bought from North East Furniture Link, Newcastle Community Furniture and Wallsend Service Centre (a private company, therefore more costly but they do excellent reconditioning and free delivery and fitting).

'Crates' are a social enterprise in County Durham who take all gas and electrical appliances which are then reconditioned by their own trained workers and sold to charity shops around the region for resale. All the above will consider collection.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

St Oswalds Furniture Outlets
175 Shields Road, Byker Phone 01912763455
Unit 2B, West 15, Whickam View, Benwell, NE15 6UN Phone 01912413029
Open Monday to Saturday 9-5.40pm
Collection Line 01912468123

Community Furniture, Heaton Terrace, Byker NE6 1JR Phone 01912240555
Open Monday to Thursday 9-3.30pm, Fridays 9-3pm

Wallsend Service Centre, 30 High St West NE28 8PQ Phone 01912623668
Open Monday to Friday 9 - 4pm, closes 2pm Weds.
<http://www.wallsendservicecentre.co.uk>

North East Furniture Link, 134 High St East, NE28 7RP Phone 01912342683
Open Monday to Saturday 9-5pm

Crates- East Durham Partnership, 1 Kilburn Drive, Seaview Industrial Estate, Hordon SR8 4TQ
Phone 01915868493
Open Monday to Thursday 8.30-4.30, Friday 'til 3.15pm, Saturday 9-12noon.

national contacts**comments**

electrical and electronic equipment

facts Every year an estimated 1 million tonnes of waste electronic and electrical equipment (WEEE) are discarded by householders and commercial groups in the UK. Dealing with this waste is an important issue as electronic goods are becoming increasingly short lived, and so ever increasing quantities of obsolete and broken equipment are thrown away. Electronic and electrical equipment makes up on average 4% of European municipal waste, and is growing three times faster than any other municipal waste stream.

reduce Buy wind up or solar powered equipment, this will reduce your consumption of electricity and will also enable you to use your equipment when there is no power available. Purchase durable items and upgrade existing equipment where possible.

reuse in Newcastle you can donate washing machines, dishwashers and fridge/freezers (with original receipt) for refurbishment and reuse to Community Furniture Services. You can also donate electrical items to St. Oswald's Hospice or RENEW NorthEast, who will refurbish them and sell them on.

All electrical appliances can be donated and bought from a social enterprise called 'Crates' (who also supply charity shops).

Usually charity shops only buy and sell electrical appliances if they have their own PAT tester (Mind, St Oswalds and St Vincent and BHF do). North East Furniture Link only buy and sell appliances with sealed plugs. Smokey Joes in Newcastle is full of every type of 2nd-hand small appliance.

Electrical parts and circuitry may be useful to the House of Objects Scrap Store.

recycle All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) in Newcastle accept waste electrical and electronic equipment for recycling.

repair Unfortunately, thanks to the 'one use' throw-away culture we have developed, there are very few (if any) facilities for repairing relatively inexpensive electronic equipment. The costs of hiring or training electricians means that it is often simply unec

local contacts

Community Furniture Service
6 Heaton Terrace, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne,
Tyne and Wear, NE6 1JR

Henry Aitchison
Phone 0191 265 6433 FAX 0191 276 5042
henryaitchison@communitytransport.org

St Oswald's Hospice,
Head Office, Regent Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1EE Phone 0191 285 0063
Jane Hamblin, janehamblin@stoswaldsuk.org
<http://www.stoswaldsuk.org>

Smokey Joes, 46 Pilgrim St, Newcastle NE1 6SF Phone 01912614154
Open approx Monday to Saturday 10.30-5.30

Crates- East Durham Partnership, 1 Kilburn Drive, Seaview Industrial Estate, Hordon SR8 4TQ
Phone 01915868493
Open Monday to Thursday 8.30-4.30, Friday 'til 3.15pm, Saturday 9-12noon.

North East Furniture Link, 134 High St East, NE28 7RP Phone 01912342683
Open Monday to Saturday 9-5pm

House of Objects
Rising Sun Countryside Centre, Whitley Road, Benton, Newcastle NE12 9SS
<http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/houseofobjects>

RENEW Northeast: LARGE APPLIANCES
1-7 Baltic Road, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0SB
Tel: 0191 469 7068 /Fax: 0191 495 2183
Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com

SMALL APPLIANCES
William Street, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0JP
Tel: 0191 469 7068 /Fax: 0191 495 2183
Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com

All-U-Want,
892-898 Shields Road, Walkergate, Newcastle, NE6 4QP Phone 0191 265 5557 or mobile 07764
983 649

Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling
Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

fridges and freezers

facts

reduce

You can reduce the environmental impact (and cost) of running a fridge or freezer by buying an appliance with a good energy efficiency rating. Look for the energy efficiency logo or see the Energy Saving Trust for more information.

reuse

If your old fridge or freezer is still working, consider donating it to friends or relatives. Some furniture reuse centres collect white goods for refurbishing and redistribution to people on low incomes, but please bear in mind that Most charity shops and secondhand dealers wont accept fridges or freezers that are too old to have he CFC free stickers on them. However 'Crates' Social Enterprise accept all fridges and freezers for reconditioning and resale.

Old chest freezers make excellent feedstores which offer protection from rain and vermin. Alternatively they can be converted into composters or wormeries.

Wallsend Service Centre may buy fridges and freezers that are in excellent condition.

recycle

All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept waste electrical and electronic equipments for recycling. Alternatively they can be collected for ?15

repair

Renew do very competitive rates for repair and service of Washing machines, dryers, electric cookers and refrigerators.

local contacts

RENEW Northeast: LARGE APPLIANCES
1-7 Baltic Road, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0SB
Tel: 0191 469 7068 / Fax: 0191 495 2183
Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com

SMALL APPLIANCES
William Street, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0JP
Tel: 0191 469 7068 / Fax: 0191 495 2183
Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com
Opening times: Mon. - Thurs 9.00am till 4.00pm
Fri. 9.00am till 1.00pm

Crates- East Durham Partnership, 1 Kilburn Drive, Seaview Industrial Estate, Hordon SR8 4TQ
Phone 01915868493
Open Monday to Thursday 8.30-4.30, Friday 'til 3.15pm, Saturday 9-12noon.

Wallsend Service Centre, 30 High St West NE28 8PQ Phone 01912623668
Open Monday to Friday 9 - 4pm, closes 2pm Weds.
<http://www.wallsendservicecentre.co.uk>

For collection of fridges/freezers call Newcastle City Envirocall: 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

mobility scooters

facts

reduce

reuse

Travelability will buy or accept donations of secondhand mobility scooters for refurbishment and resale.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Travelability UK Ltd
138 Whitley Road, Whitley Bay Phone 01912513552

national contacts

comments

remote controls

facts

reduce

reuse

Secondhand Rose have boxes and boxes of remote controls should you have lost yours.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Secondhand Rose
537 Stanhope Rose, Sunderland NE33 4DX Phone 0191 456 6503
Open Monday to Saturday 9-5

national contacts

comments

tumble drier**facts**

See White Goods

reduce**reuse**

Tumble driers in good working condition can be donated to or bought from charity shop furniture outlets such as St Oswald's and St Vincent de Paul Society (who will usually collect).

CRATE is a social enterprise that refurbishes white goods and sells them directly to the public or to charity shops for resale.

If you don't want to give it away some second hand dealers may buy ones in good condition.

recycle**repair**

Renew North East do very competitive rates for repair and service of washing machines, dryers, electric cookers and refrigerators

local contacts

St Oswald' Furniture Outlets

East end:

* 175 Shields Road, Byker Phone 0191 2763455

* 115 Shields Rd, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1DN Phone 0191 228 9574

West end

* Unit 2B, West 15, Whickam View, Benwell, NE15 6UN Phone 0191 2413029

Open Monday to Saturday 9-54.40pm (furniture and electrical goods)

St Oswald's Hospice pick-up point outside:

Regent Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1EE

0191 285 0063 / 0191 284 8004

janehamblin@stoswaldsuk.org

Collection Line 0191 246 8123. <http://www.stoswaldsuk.org>

Community Transport Newcastle

<http://www.communitytransport.org/locations/newcastle/>

East End depot - 0191 2656433 and 01912240555

The Grand, Heaton Terrace, Byker, Newcastle, NE6 1JR

newcastleeast@communitytransport.org

Hours of operation:

Mon-Thurs 9am-3.30pm / Friday 9am-3pm

West End Depot -0191 256 8377

5 Mill Lane, Newcastle, NE4 6QA

newcastlewest@communitytransport.org

Hours of operation:

Mon-Thurs 9am-3.30pm / Friday 9am-3pm

St Vincent de Paul Society Collection Line 0191 2145855

Wallsend Service Centre, 30 High St West NE28 8PQ Phone 01912623668

Open Monday to Friday 9 - 4pm, closes 2pm Weds.

<http://www.wallsendservicecentre.co.uk>

North East Furniture Link, 134 High St East, NE28 7RP Phone 01912342683

Open Monday to Saturday 9-5pm

CRATE (Community Reuse and Training Enterprise) - East Durham Partnership, 1 Kilburn Drive, Seaview Industrial Estate, Hordon SR8 4TQ Phone 01915868493

Open Monday to Thursday 8.30-4.30, Friday 'til 3.15pm, Saturday 9-12noon.

House Clearance Service, Furniture Warehouse, Carville Road, Wallsend

Phone 01912639683

Open Monday to Saturday 10ish to 4ish.

Heaton Used Furniture, 111 Heaton Park Road Phone 01912400116

Open (roughly) Monday to Friday 9-5pm and Saturday mornings.

national contacts

comments

vacuum cleaners

facts

reduce

reuse

All electrical appliances can be donated and bought from a social enterprise called 'CRATE' (who also supplies some local charity shops).

Usually charity shops only buy and sell electrical appliances if they have their own PAT tester (Mind, St Oswald's and St Vincent de Paul Society and British Heart Foundation do). North East Furniture Link only buy and sell appliances with sealed plugs.

Many secondhand dealers buy and sell modern vacuums in good working condition.

recycle

repair

local contacts

St Oswald' Furniture Outlets

East end:

* 175 Shields Road, Byker Phone 0191 2763455

* 115 Shields Rd, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1DN Phone 0191 228 9574

West end

* Unit 2B, West 15, Whickam View, Benwell, NE15 6UN Phone 0191 2413029

Open Monday to Saturday 9-5.40pm (furniture and electrical goods)

St Oswald's Hospice pick-up point outside:

Regent Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1EE

0191 285 0063 / 0191 284 8004

janehamblin@stoswaldsuk.org

Collection Line 0191 246 8123. <http://www.stoswaldsuk.org>

Community Transport Newcastle

<http://www.communitytransport.org/locations/newcastle/>

East End depot - 0191 2656433 and 01912240555

The Grand, Heaton Terrace, Byker, Newcastle, NE6 1JR

newcastleeast@communitytransport.org

Hours of operation:

Mon-Thurs 9am-3.30pm / Friday 9am-3pm

West End Depot -0191 256 8377

5 Mill Lane, Newcastle, NE4 6QA

newcastlewest@communitytransport.org

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St Vincent de Paul Society Collection Line 0191 2145855

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The local Freecycle network is now run as Freegle but can still be found online at <http://www.toon.org.uk>

national contacts

comments

Dyson Vaccum cleaners have been designed to have parts replaced -call T: 0800 954 0154 for thier helpline. They are also offering to recycle your old vacuum cleaner when you buy a new Dyson upright or cylinder from thier web shop at <http://www.dyson.co.uk>

washing machines

facts

Washing machines are a type of white good, so please also see this entry

reduce

reuse

Washing machines in good working condition can be donated to or bought from charity shop such as St Oswald's, St Vincent de Paul Society or RENEW Northeast (who will usually collect).

Another outlet that takes, refurbishes and sells washing machines in

CRATE is a social enterprise that refurbishes white goods and sells them directly to the public or to charity shops for resale. If you don't want to give it away some second hand dealers may buy ones in good condition.

recycle

All goods donated to RENEW Northeast that are not refurbished to be sold are recycled where possible.

All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept white goods for recycling. The council also provides a disposal service for items that are too large (Bulky Waste) for normal collection

repair

local contacts

RENEW Northeast:
LARGE APPLIANCES
1-7 Baltic Road, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0SB
Tel: 0191 469 7068 / Fax: 0191 495 2183
Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com

SMALL APPLIANCES
William Street, Felling, Gateshead, NE10 0JP
Tel: 0191 469 7068 Fax: 0191 495 2183
Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com
Opening times: Mon. - Thurs 9.00am till 4.00pm
Fri. 9.00am till 1.00pm

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national contacts

comments

watches

facts

reduce

reuse

recycle

Guide Dogs for the Blind are running a treasure hunt campaign asking for donation of - jewellery, watches, keys, mobile phones, old and foreign coins or bank notes.

They will provide a collection box and posters to your school, office or business if you call 0845 603 9779 or contact the nearest officer in South Tyneside, contact is Jennifer Emmerson on 0191 4232814.

If you have single items, please send them to: FREEPOST GUIDE DOGS TH RECYCLING

More information can be found at
<http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/helpus/fundraisingactivities/recycle/recycletreasurehunt/>

There are a number of watch repair centres in the city centre at Fenwicks and the Bigg Market

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

wheelchairs

facts

See mobility scooters

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

white goods**facts****reduce****reuse**

If your old tumble drier is still working, consider donating it to friends or relatives. Some furniture reuse centres collect white goods for refurbishing and redistribution to people on low incomes.

recycle

All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept white goods for recycling. The council also provides a disposal service for items that are too large (Bulky Waste) for normal collection.

repair

Renew North East do very competitive rates for repair and service of Washing machines, dryers, electric cookers and refrigerators.

local contacts

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LARGE APPLIANCES
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Gateshead
Tyne & Wear
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Tel: 0191 469 7068
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Email: enquiries@renewnortheast.com

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Fri. 9.00am till 1.00pm

Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre), bulky waste collections or other aspects of recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000.

national contacts**comments**

Food Waste

food waste

facts

Every year, the average Newcastle family throws out over £400 worth of food waste! It's not only a huge waste of money but also harms the environment, as it rots in landfill producing methane, a powerful greenhouse gas.

reduce

Thank you to the people of Walkerville and Walkergate who recommended these money-saving and waste saving tips:

1. Buy Less, Cook Less. We tend to overbuy and overcook, because of time pressures and special 'offers', and it leads to food waste.

reuse

There are many recipes available for leftovers at <http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com> and also books such as "Eat Well, Waste Less: An A-Z Guide to using up leftovers", by Bish Muir.

recycle

You can buy a subsidised home composter for peelings, uncooked veg. and teabags.

Newcastle City Council has teamed up Straight plc to provide Newcastle residents with the opportunity to buy specially reduced price compost bins. Call 0845 130 609. If you don't have a garden, a great good alternative is a wormery. Newcastle Council provide subsidised wormeries and also instructions on how to build your own on their website.

repair

local contacts

To order composters or wormeries from Newcastle city Council call their order-line on 0845 130 60 90 or visit <http://www.newcastle.getcomposting.com> to order online.

Compost Bin accessories are also available. Please view them at <http://www.newcastle.getcomposting.com>

Building your own wormery instructions and information can be found at <http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/core.nsf/a/createawormery>

national contacts

The Composting Association (<http://www.compost.org.uk>) web site offers some very helpful information on home composting. If you can't compost your kitchen waste yourself, give it to someone with a garden or allotment or a community gardening group. Th

comments

Visit <http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com> for more information on how you can reduce food waste.

Kitchen waste

facts

See food waste

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

oil (cooking)**facts****reduce**

At home, lard and fat can be made into bird cakes when seeds are added. If only a small amount mop with a piece bread and feed to the birds. Small amounts of vegetable oil can also be added to a compost heap.

reuse

It is actually possible to make soap out of old cooking oil, although it involves the use of some nasty chemicals and care is advised! For further information visit:
<http://teachers.net/lessons/posts/35.html>

recycle

Collections of cooking oil for recycling are not available to householders due to the difficulties in ensuring the material is free of contaminants, however it should not be disposed of via the drain as it causes problems when it solidifies. Small amounts can be disposed of with normal refuse otherwise take to your household waste recycling site. Small amounts can be added to a compost bin with care - mixed well with paper or cardboard.

Waste cooking oils and fats from commercial and industrial sources can be collected for recycling.

repair**local contacts**

There are several biodiesel outlets in the northeast, the closest being:

Go Green Biofuels
20 Sandstell Road
Spittal
Berwick Upon Tweed
TD15 1RE
Tel: 07874 846700

Northumbria Bio Diesel (<http://www.northumbriabiodiesel.co.uk>) is based in Ponteland, making and delivering barrels of bio-diesel to your front door! They have recently started making biofuels from crops as well as used vegetable oils.

national contacts

Further information can be found at:
<http://www.biodieselfillingstations.co.uk>

comments

Although household cooking oil is not collected to make biodiesel, there are many companies around the UK that collect commercial cooking oil for this purpose. Although there are none in Newcastle-upon-Tyne itself (yet!).

Garden Waste

christmas trees

facts

reduce

The best way to reduce Christmas tree waste is to buy a living tree which can be planted out afterwards and reused next year. Alternatively buy a tree certified by the FSC or the Soil Association .

reuse

A good quality artificial tree can be reused for years and will save you buying and disposing of a tree every year.

recycle

You can recycle your christmas tree at all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and temporary collections points just after christmas .

repair

local contacts

Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000. Also see the council website: <http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/recycle>

national contacts

Potted trees can be delivered to your door through <http://www.tree2mydoor.com>

comments

garden tools

facts

See tools

reduce

reuse

Scotswood Community Garden welcomes donations of most types of garden tools, any they can't use they will be able to pass on to other gardening groups.

Your local allotment association is very likely to be happy to take your unneeded gardening tools. You can phone the city Allotment officer to find your nearest allotment site and just take the tools down. If nobody is around leave the tool with a note on 'free to good home'. It is guaranteed somebody will be pleased to reuse it.

John at the Harbour Market usually has an interesting selection of old garden tools for sale.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Scotswood Community Garden,
John Marley Centre, Whickham View, Scotswood NE15 6TT Phone 0191 2004706
<http://www.sncg.org.uk>

Newcastle Allotment Officer Phone 0191 2328520 ext 23565
<http://www.newcastleallotments.co.uk>

Harbour Market, Little Bedford St, North Shields NE29 6NW Phone 0191 2592433
Open Monday to Saturday 9-4pm

national contacts

comments

garden waste

- facts** Up to 30% of our household waste could be composted, reducing waste and creating a natural food for your soil.
- reduce** Newcastle City Council has teamed up Straight plc to provide Newcastle residents with the opportunity to buy specially reduced price compost bins.
- Please phone the order-line on 0845 130 60 90 or visit <http://www.newcastle.getcomposting.com> to order o
- reuse** You can make your own compost bin using old fencing, pallets or even an old dustbin.
- recycle** You can take all garden waste, including tree branches and hedge clipping, to all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre). The council currently collects garden waste from around 60% of households across the city, contact them to see if your area is included.
- repair**
- local contacts** Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000.
- national contacts** For further information on how to compost at home visit: <http://www.recyclenow.com/compost/>
- comments**
-

pesticides, herbicides etc

- facts** See general hazardous waste entry
- reduce**
- reuse**
- recycle**
- repair**
- local contacts**
- national contacts**
- comments**
-

Glass

fluorescent light bulbs

- facts** Fluorescent tubes should not be placed with general household rubbish as they are classified as hazardous waste owing to the chemicals they contain. You should take spent fluorescent to the HWRC (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) sites where they can be safely dealt with.
- reduce** Fluorescent light bulbs usually last much longer than incandescent light bulbs so reducing waste. they also use less energy.
- reuse**
- recycle** These can NOT be recycled in either the household recycling collection or in glass recycling banks. All HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) allow these to be collected for recycling.
- repair**
- local contacts** Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

glass

- facts** Making glass by melting recycled glass in the furnace uses far less energy and reduces pollution. To make glass, lots of raw materials are quarried and heated in a furnace. This means areas of countryside are dug up so we can collect the ingredients to make glass. When we melt recycled glass from glass banks in the furnace we do not need these other ingredients. The more glass that we recycle, the less new ingredients we will need, and this means less quarrying in the countryside.
- reduce** Buy refill packs or look for returnable bottles whenever possible.
- reuse** Flat glass can be cut down into smaller panes. Glass bottles and jars can be used for storing odds and ends, or are very useful if you are making jams or pickles.
- recycle** Glass bottles and jars may be recycled in the kerbside box collection or bottle banks around the City. You cannot recycle flat glass on the scheme or in bottle banks. However, you can take flat glass (for disposal) and glass bottles and jars (for recycling) to all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) in the City.
- repair**
- local contacts** Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000.

Glass bottles and jars may be recycled at the following sites around Newcastle:

Arndale Shopping Centre
 Asda, Hollywood Avenue
 Benwell Nature Park
 Clayton Park Square, Jesmond
 Ozanam House, Dunholme Road
 Heaton Community Centre, Trewhitt Road
 Heaton Library, Heaton Park View
 Heber Street Car Park, junction of Wellington St and Bath Street
 Morrisons, Shields Road Byker
 Newcastle University, Spital Tongues Hall of Residence
 Newcastle University, Rear of Students Union
 Morrisons, Two Ball Lonnen Cowgate
 Sainsbury, Etherstone Avenue
 High Heaton Tesco, Kingston Park
 West Denton Shopping Centre

national contacts

comments

The British Glass website has lots of facts on recycling at <http://www.britglass.org.uk/Education/Recycling.html>

Hazardous Waste

asbestos

facts

Newcastle City Council's Neighbourhood Services will arrange for the collection of suitably bagged asbestos from domestic properties and will respond to fly tipping within 1 working day from notification.

Commercial properties will need to have the waste assessed and a charge will be made for its removal.

reduce

reuse

recycle

Asbestos is not accepted at any of the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre).

repair

local contacts

For further advice on handling asbestos contact the council's Regulatory Services and Public Protection department on: 0191 211 6102.

You can also get advice from Envirocall:
0191 274 4000

national contacts

For further national information, contact:
<http://www.hse.gov.uk/asbestos>

comments

To find out what is hazardous waste and how to dispose of it safely either log on to the Environment Agency's web site at (http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/subject/waste/1019330/1217981/1384307/?version=1〈=_e) or The National Household Hazardous Waste Forum (<http://www.nhhwf.org.uk>). The National Household Hazardous Waste forum is an easier read and shows you how to locate the nearest site where you can safely dispose of hazardous waste at: <http://www.chem-away.org.uk>

batteries -general household

facts

Batteries contain various hazardous materials - such as lead, mercury, cadmium, zinc, manganese and lithium - yet we are putting them in landfill sites.

reduce

Try to avoid the use of batteries by using mains electricity where possible. There is now a good selection of wind up radios and torches on the market.

reuse

Use rechargeable batteries wherever possible. Even better look out for solar battery chargers.

recycle

You can recycle household batteries using Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Councils kerbside collection. You can also take them to the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre).

repair

local contacts

Call Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000. Also look at <http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/recycle>

national contacts

comments

car batteries

facts See Battery (Automotive Waste)

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

cleaning fluids

facts See Hazardous Household Waste

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

gas bottles

facts See ?gas cylinders? for more information

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

gas cylinders

facts

Newcastle City Council classifies all gas cylinders as hazardous waste and will accept them at all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre)

reduce

reuse

Gas cylinders are not waste. They should be returned to the retailer or supplier so that they can be reused. To find your nearest collection point please call the Cylinder Retrieval Scheme on 0845 050 0056.

Alternatively, for gas cylinders, other than Calor gas cylinders, seek advice from British Gas: contact the LP Gas Association 08457 626379, or visit <http://www.lpga.co.uk>

The Newcastle City Council Household Waste and Recycling Centres at Brunswick, Byker and Walbottle accept gas cylinders for reuse.

recycle

repair

local contacts

The following organisations accept gas bottles:

Dixon's of Westerhope
Westfield,
Newbiggin Lane,
Newcastle Upon Tyne,
Tyne and Wear
NE5 1LX
Tel: 0191 286 9970

A-Quick Hire
West View,
Forest Hall,
Newcastle Upon Tyne,
Tyne and Wear
NE12 7JL
Tel: 0191 266 6606

Alternatively call Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

hazardous waste

facts Household Waste Recycling Centres will accept the following waste classed as hazardous

- Household batteries
- Fluorescent tubes and electric lamps
- TV and computer monitors-Engine oil
- Gas bottles
- Fridges - Walbottle site only
- Household chemicals,
- Pesticides and anything you think may be hazardous should be given to one of the attendants for safe storage and disposal.

Asbestos is NOT accepted at any HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) - see separate entry for further details.

reduce The WWF provides a portal engine on safe products (<http://safershopping.wwf.org.uk>) and for those of you who prefer to avoid damaging goods. Greenpeace also offers a comprehensive list of products (from computers to dishwasher tablets) that you might w

reuse Most hazardous materials are

recycle

repair

local contacts For all hazardous waste enquiries, contact:
Newcastle City Council Envirocall by:
Phone: 0191 274 4000 or
Fax: 0191 277 3674
Text Phone: 0191 277 3687

By post write to:
Envirocall,
Atkinson House,
Cypress Avenue,
Newcastle upon Tyne,
NE4

national contacts For further general information on hazardous waste and how to deal with common types of household hazardous waste, you can visit the virtual house at the National Hazardous Waste Forum at <http://www.nhhwf.org.uk/virtual-house>

comments

light bulbs

facts Contact Newcastle Envirocall before disposing of household fluorescent tubes. Fluorescent tubes should not be placed with general household rubbish as they are classified as hazardous waste owing to the chemicals they contain. Light bulb glass must never be put in a bottle bank as the glass is of a different type to bottle glass.

reduce Energy efficient light bulbs will not only save you money and help the environment by using less electricity, but will reduce the quantity of waste produced by needing to be replaced less often.

reuse

recycle Specialist companies recycle fluorescent light bulbs, mainly for businesses and organisations such as <http://www.lamprecycle.co.uk> and <http://www.mercuryrecycling.co.uk>

The Newcastle City Council Household Waste and Recycling Centres at Brunswick, Byker and Walbottle accept all light bulbs, both bulbs and tubes)for recycling or disposal.

repair

local contacts Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

medicines and tablets

facts

Do not throw medicine in the dustbin it may resurface somewhere. Neither should you flush medicine down the toilet where it might pollute the water supply. All local chemists in the Newcastle area will accept old drugs/medicines for safe disposal.

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

oil (engine)

facts

Remember the Oil Care Code:
Pouring oil down the drain will cause pollution. It is also an offence.

Take used oil to an oil recycling bank. Use the national oil care helpline (0800 66 33 66) to find your nearest oil bank, or contact Newcastle City Council Envirocall.

If you have oil fired heating, ensure that your oil tank and pipes are properly installed and regularly checked for leaks. If oil is spilt from your storage tank, stop it from entering the drain by absorbing it with sand or earth. Never hose it down.

reduce

reuse

recycle

Each of the household waste recycling centres has facilities for engine oil recycling. Do not mix used oil with other materials, such as paint or solvents. This makes recycling very difficult

repair

local contacts

Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

paint

facts

Paints should never be poured down the drain as they can severely pollute watercourses. Try using organic and VOC free paints as alternatives to standard hazardous paints.

For small amounts of paint allow to dry in the tin or on old newspaper and dispose of with normal household refuse. If you have larger amounts, call Envirocall for advice on safe disposal.

reduce

reuse

Kids Kabin can use donations of oil-based paints (gloss, acrylic) in bright colours, to use in their workshops.

Community Repaint is a network of paint reuse schemes across the UK. They collect leftover paint and redistribute it to those who need it but cannot afford it. There are two collection points near Newcastle.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Kids Kabin, Church Walk, Walker, Newcastle NE6 3DL. Phone 01912953655
<http://www.kidskabin.org.uk>
 Open Mon-Thurs 9 'til 8pm, Friday 9 'til 5pm

Chester-Le-Street Furniture & Fabric Recycling
 53/54 Stella Gill Industrial Estate, Chester-Le-Street, Durham, DH2 2RH. Phone 0191 389 0888
 Please call before you donate

Whorral Bank Civic Amenity Site, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 3AB. Run by Northumberland County Council (01670 535000)

You can contact Envirocall by:
 Phone: 0191 274 4000 or Fax: 0191 277 3674

national contacts

Vicky Wren - Community RePaint Development Worker
 Tel 0113 200 3959
vicky.wren@resourcefutures.co.uk

comments

thermometers

facts

Most thermometers contain mercury, and if broken are classified as hazardous waste. Wrap a broken thermometer well using a plastic bag and newspaper. Inform your local authority who will advise you on its disposal.

reduce

reuse

Unbroken thermometers can be donated to schools or charity shops.

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

Household Waste

aerosols

facts Steel can be recycled over and over again, to make anything from cars and bicycles to more aerosol cans, without any loss of quality. Recycling one tonne of steel cans saves 1.5 tonnes of iron ore, 0.5 tonnes of coal and 40 per cent water usage.

reduce Where possible buy pump sprays or roll on deodorants.

reuse

recycle Single, empty aerosols are accepted by Newcastle upon Tyne City Council in the household recycling collection and in can banks.

repair

local contacts Newcastle City Envirocall for information about recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000

national contacts British Aerosol Manufacturers' Association (BAMA)
Kings Buildings
Smith Square
London
SW1P 3JJ

<http://www.bama.co.uk>

Steel Can Recycling Information Bureau: <http://www.scrib.org>

comments

baths and basins

facts Cast iron baths are accepted by scrap metal dealers or salvage companies.

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts Shiners Of Jesmond
75-81 Fern Avenue,
Newcastle Upon Tyne,
NE2 2RA
Tel: 0191 281 6474

national contacts The national organisation of architectural salvage and antiques Salvo has a directory of organisations at: <http://www.salvo.co.uk/goods>

comments

beds

facts See furniture, and bulky refuse

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

binoculars

facts

reduce

reuse

The RSPB use donations of binoculars, telescopes, spotting scopes and tripods for work with groups here and abroad. Post your donation to address below or take it to your nearest RSPB reserve.

recycle

repair

local contacts

RSPB Second-hand binocular scheme.
Unit 7, St Martins business Park, St Martins Way, Beds MK42 0LF
email: binoenquiries@rspb.org.uk

national contacts

comments

bits and bobs -textiles

facts

there are many other materials that count as textiles, but which are worth dealing with separately. These include rope, string and cord -natural and synthetic fibres, yarns, strings, ropes, laces, ribbon, cord, wool and cotton.

reduce

reuse

The House of Objects is a local scrapstore that welcomes donations of these for use in craft activities. Other groups such as schools, nurseries, play groups or groups that work with children in your area might also welcome these materials.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Creative Recycling - House of Objects
The Rising Sun Countryside Centre
Whitley Road
Benton
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE12 9SS
Contact: Elaine Mason, 0191 200 1501 elaine.mason@northtyneside.gov.uk

national contacts

comments

carpet**facts**

Carpets have a huge environmental impact so make yours last as long as possible.

reduce

It is always worth spending a little extra on carpets that will last. A good quality carpet will last much longer than a cheap one, so will need replacing less frequently.

reuse

Good quality carpets and rugs can be sold second-hand or donated to charitable organisations, voluntary groups or furniture reuse groups. Or if they are past their best try reusing them in the garden to keep down weeds in uncultivated areas. Even when they are no longer suitable for the floor, there are a number of ways to re-use small pieces. Line bottoms of cupboards, boot of the car, pet's baskets, or use as doormats or for lagging pipes. Small pieces are also great to put underneath plant pots on windowsills or shelves, so they don't damage the surface.

Small carpet cut-offs are welcomed by Newcastle Cat and Dog Shelters (see bedding for contacts).

recycle

Carpets that are not reusable can be laid as mulch - local allotments and gardening groups may welcome them (although do check as some synthetic carpets are thought to contaminate the soil). Do not place unwanted carpets in your rubbish bin. Please call your local council for a special collection or take to your local council civic amenity and recycling centre.

repair

Many carpets get replaced just because they look old and dirty. Carpet cleaning equipment can be hired at low cost, or if you don't want to do it yourself there are many companies who will do the job for you.

local contacts

There are currently no recycling facilities for carpets within the Newcastle area. Newcastle Cat and Dog shelter also take some carpets (depends on the adhesives) for use in their kennels.
Newcastle Dog and Cat Shelter
Benton North Farm, Benton Lane, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE12 8EH Tel: 0191 215 0435

Claremont Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 4NL
Tel: 0191 232 2878

Call Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and bulky waste collections in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000

national contacts**comments**

cartons**facts**

Cartons (tetrapak etc) are made from paper with a polyethylene (plastic) coating and represent less than 1% of household rubbish. As a mixed packaging material they cannot be reprocessed by most paper reprocessors but due to the high quality of the fibres used to make the product they are valuable for the paper industry when recycled in a specialised reprocessing plant.

reduce

Buy liquids in larger volume containers, this reduces the amount of waste and often saves money in the long run too.

reuse

Try and choose reusable packaging such as glass bottles instead.

recycle

Cartons can be recycled at all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and at the following banks in the Newcastle area:

Ozaman House
79 Dunholme Road
Elswick, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE4 6XD

Sainsbury's,
Etherstone Avenue,
Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE7 7JW;

Asda,
Hollywood Avenue,
Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 5BU;

Tesco,
Brunton Lane,
Kingston Park, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 2FP

repair**local contacts****national contacts**

Visit: <http://www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk> for further information about carton recycling

comments**clocks****facts****reduce****reuse**

Broken clocks (mechanical, not battery) can be used by some clock repairers for parts.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

R.Ormerod Clock Repairs, 18 Leazes Park Road, Newcastle NE1 4PG
Phone 01912325504
Open Monday to Friday 9.15am - 4.30pm

national contacts**comments**

coat hangers

facts

reduce

Ask not to be given them.

reuse

Some dry cleaners will take back their own coat hangers. You can also try Charity and second hand shops if they don't use them they can recycle them.

The 'House of Objects', a scrap store in North Tyneside, accept coat hangers for re-use in craft projects.

Wire coat hangers could be used to make mobiles or Christmas decorations.

recycle

Coat hangers given to most of the large chains of charity shops can be collected by 'Precycle' for recycling. <http://www.precycle.eu>

repair

local contacts

House of Objects

Rising Sun countryside Centre, Whitley Road

Benton, Newcastle NE12 9SS

<http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/houseofobjects>

Contact: Elaine Mason, 0191 200 1501 elaine.mason@northtyneside.gov.uk

national contacts

comments

crockery**facts****reduce****reuse**

Broken crockery can be used in mosaics or in the base of a plant pot for drainage.

Local charity shops, second hand shops or homing centres can often make use of such items.

The Peoples Kitchen, West End Refugee Service and Common Ground can all use donations of crockery.

Great places to buy 2nd-hand crockery are Tynemouth and South Shields Markets, Wallsend's House Clearance Service, The Alzheimer's Society Shop and Donna Clare Charity shop.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

WERS, St Philips Vicarage, St Philips Close, Newcastle NE4 5JE
<http://www.wers.org.uk>
 Phone 01912737482
 Open weekdays 9.30 'til 1pm

People's Kitchen, 56 Bath Lane, Newcastle NE4 5SQ
<http://.peoplesktchen.co.uk>
 Phone 01912220699
 Open Tues, Weds, Fri 1 'til 8pm

Common Ground (East Area Asylum Support Group)
 Church Walk House
 Church Walk Centre Walker NE6 3DH
<http://www.eaassg.org.uk>
 Phone 01912622522
 Open weekdays 10am - 2pm

House Clearance Service, Furniture Warehouse, Carville Road, Wallsend, Newcastle. Phone 0191 263 9683
 Open Monday to Saturday 10ish to 4ish.

Alzheimers Society Shop, Little Bedford Street, North Shields Phone 01912571245
 Open Mondays and Thursdays ony, 10am-3pm

Donna Claire Hospice Shop, 111 Sea Road, Seaburn
 Open Monday to Friday 9-4pm, Saturday 9-1pm, closed Wednesdays.

national contacts

Need to find a charity shop -have a look at <http://www.charityshops.org.uk/locator.php> . All you need is a postcode and what you are wanting to donate or buy.

comments

cutlery**facts****reduce****reuse**

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Alternatively try other charities or second hand shops.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

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comments

furniture**facts**

All organisations taking soft furnishings to sell on (reuse) must have a 'flame retardant' label on.

reduce

Try to buy furniture that will last. Good quality furniture may cost more but will save you money in the long run as it will need replacing less often.

Look in reclamation yards, skips, auctions, and second-hand shops or refurbished before you buy new.

reuse

Pass any unwanted furniture onto family or friends, or sell or donate it locally. It is also worth taking any furniture that may be valuable to Millers Auction House.

In Newcastle examples of charities that accept and sell good quality used furniture as well as general household items are the Community Transport Newcastle (also known as Community Furniture), St. Oswald's Hospice and St Vincent de Paul Society.

Community Transport also offer: Removals, House clearances and furniture storage.

As well as selling your old furniture, North East Furniture Link make up furniture packages which are given free to some social housing tenants.

Recycle Your Furniture is a local enterprise that collects furniture free for creative reuse and recycling purposes.

All will come and collect but what is actually taken will be up to the driver's discretion. They cover a wide range of areas but call them first to check.

recycle

All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept broken wooden furniture which will be sent for recycling.

repair

With the right maintenance and repair, you can keep your pieces of furniture looking like they did the first day you bought them.

Invest in a DIY manual, do a joinery or re-upholstering course or commission an artist at Recycle Your Furniture. Their

local contacts

St Oswald's Furniture Outlets

Eastend:

* 175 Shields Road, Byker Phone 0191 2763455

* 115 Shields Rd, Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 1DN Phone 0191 228 9574

Westend

* Unit 2B, West 15, Whickam View, Benwell, NE15 6UN Phone 0191 2413029

Open Monday to Saturday 9-54.40pm (furniture and electrical goods)

St Oswald's Hospice pick-up point outside:

Regent Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1EE Phone 0191 285 0063 / 0191 284 8004

janehamblin@stoswaldsuk.org

St Oswald's collection Line 0191 246 8123. <http://www.stoswaldsuk.org>

Community Transport Newcastle

<http://www.communitytransport.org/locations/newcastle/>

East End depot - 0191 2656433 and 01912240555

The Grand, Heaton Terrace, Byker, Newcastle, NE6 1JR

newcastleeast@communitytransport.org

Open: Mon-Thurs, 9am-3.30pm and Friday 9am-3pm.

West End Depot -0191 256 8377

5 Mill Lane, Newcastle, NE4 6QA

newcastlewest@communitytransport.org

Open: Mon-Thurs 9am-3.30pm and Friday 9am-3pm

St Vincent de Paul Society Collection Line 0191 2145855

More charity shops are also starting to take and sell furniture, e.g the RSPCA shop on Clayton

Street in Newcastle centre.

North East Furniture Link, 134 High St East, NE28 7RP Phone 01912342683
Open Monday to Saturday 9-5pm

Recycle Your Furniture
Unit 1, 1 Stepney Road, Ouseburn, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 2PZ Phone: 0191 222 0212 /
07527 083 720
Email: info@recycleyourfurniture.co.uk
<http://recycleyourfurniture.co.uk>

Heaton Used Furniture, 111 Heaton Park Road Phone 0191 240 0116
Open (roughly) Monday to Friday 9-5pm and Saturday mornings.

House Clearance Service, Furniture Warehouse, Carville Road, Wallsend. Phone 01912639683
Open Monday to Saturday 10ish to 4ish.

EBGBs, 115 Heaton Park Road, Phone 01912766471
Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9.15-4pm
Workshop phone number (for donations of wooden furniture) 0191 265 1360

Millers Auction House, Algernon Road Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE6 2UN. Phone 0191 265 8080
<http://www.millersauctioneers.co.uk>
Viewing Monday and Tuesday 9.30-4pm, Sunday 10-12noon

The local Freecycle network is now run as Freegle but can still be found online at
<http://www.toon.org.uk>

national contacts

The Furniture Reuse Network <http://www.frn.org.uk> is a national network of organisations that take furniture in good condition and pass it onto low-income families. <http://www.frn.org.uk> or 0117 954 3571

comments

More charity shops are also starting to take and sell furniture so have a look at the charity shop locator using your postcode and what you want to donate or buy at
<http://www.charityshops.org.uk/locator.php>

milk and fruit juice cartons

facts

See cartons

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

This includes the brand name Tetrapaks

musical instruments

facts

reduce

reuse

Musical instruments in good order can be donated to various organisations for reuse. Many schools, both primary and secondary, will take donations of secondhand musical instruments (although not pianos or keyboards). Either phone your local school or Newcastle Councils Music Service for advice.

The proprietor of Hounddog music shop will accept donations of most stringed instruments and, if he can't use them, will pass them on to local schools.

Secondhand Rose has a selection of 2nd-hand brass and wind instruments for sale.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Newcastle Music Service Phone 01912782965

Hounddog Music Phone 01912527490
Open Monday to Saturday 9.30-4.30pm

Secondhand Rose
537 Stanhope Rose, Sunderland, NE33 4DX. Phone 01914566503
Open Monday to Saturday 9-5.

national contacts

Try: <http://www.musicworkshop.org.uk> or
<http://www.musicalwarehouse.co.uk>

comments

nappies

facts

Nearly 3 billion nappies are thrown away in the UK every year. The vast majority of these (90%) end up in landfill. We do not know how long it takes for the plastics in disposable nappies to decompose but it could take hundreds of years. You can kit out your baby in real nappies on the high street for under £50. This includes all the nappies and waterproof covers you need for the whole of your baby's nappy wearing life. The same amount of money would only buy 7 weeks of disposables.

reduce

By far the best option for reducing your nappy waste is by using real cotton nappies. There is also a local real nappy collection and delivery service: Grow up Green.

You can also reduce your energy use and gain an environmental benefit if you use a

reuse

Real Nappies can save you plenty over the costs of disposables. A great way of reducing the cost even further is by buying second hand real nappies. You can find them here:

The Used Nappy Company

An auction website for buying and selling used real nappies - now that eBay won't allow used nappy sales, an alternative can be found at <http://www.usednappies.co.uk>

UK Parents Lounge

If you have washable nappies to sell, or are interested in buying second hand cloth nappies, this is a great site (you have to be quick off the mark!). Also a lively cloth nappy: <http://www.ukparentslounge.com>

recycle

There is now a disposable nappy recycling plant being built near Birmingham to recycle the plastic parts of disposable nappies. Although this is obviously better than just sending the nappies to landfill, it is still not as good a solution as using reusable cotton nappies.

repair

The great thing about washable cotton nappies is that you can use them time and time again and they are easily repairable, increasing the savings you are making if you have a second or third child!

local contacts

Grow up Green
Elspeth Clayson,
37 Lesbury Road,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
NE6 5LB
Telephone: 0191 276 2400
E-mail: info@growupgreen.co.uk

national contacts

The Women's Environmental Network (<http://www.wen.org.uk>) estimates that using terry nappies instead of disposables can save you £500 over the nappy-wearing lifetime of a child.

The Real Nappy Campaign website (<http://www.realnappycampaign.com>)

comments

records -vinyl**facts**

Music these days has moved away from records and tapes and even CD's to downloadable formats. But there are still some of these old records about.

reduce**reuse**

Many people still collect records, so don't throw them away. Try selling them on sites like eBay or giving them away to charities or through sites like Freecycle /Freegle.

If you have a large collection of vinyl you want to sell (over 500 records) Old Hitz record shop will come out and look at it for you, but they are not interested in 80's music or jazz.

RPM records will take almost anything and they pass on records they can't sell to charity shops.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

Old Hitz Records 69 Grainger Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5JE
Phone 01912619563
Open Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm

RPM , Old George Yard, Cloth Market, Newcastle NE1 1EZ. Phone 01912210201
Open Monday to Saturday 10am-6.30pm
<http://www.myspace.com/rpmrecordshop>

Steel Wheels Warehouse -0191 261 6671
ST. Marys Place Northgate House,
Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 7PQ

Roots Music -0191 230 2500
67B Westgate Road Blackthorn Court,
Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 1SG

Beatdown Records -(0191) 261 6693
Vine Lane House, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 7PW

Mind, 74 Clayton Street, Newcastle NE1 5PG. Phone 0191 2211540
Open Mon to Sat 9am - 5pm, Sundays 11 -4pm

Oxfam Books and Music, 8 Hood Street, Newcastle NE1 6JQ Phone 01912322476
Open Monday to Saturday 9am-6pm, Sundays 12-4pm

The local Freecycle network is now run as Freegle but can still be found online at
<http://www.toon.org.uk>

national contacts**comments**

toys and games

facts

It is estimated that 13 million toys end up in landfill sites each year.

Also see games entry

reduce

Toy libraries do not always accept second hand toys but can be a great way of avoiding having to buy new toys. In Newcastle there is the Newcastle Toy and Leisure Library, which supports children with disabilities. There is also the kidstuff@Riverside

reuse

If you, or your children, would like to make some money out of the old toys, you could sell them on, particularly in the case of larger or more specialist toys. This is a great way to reuse toys because the buyer is getting a bargain, provided that the toys are in reasonable condition, and you make some money in the process. You could sell the toys at a car boot sale on Ebay or through the local paper.

Toys can be easily donated to friends, playgroups or charity shops, or sold at car boot sales. The Baby Equipment Loan Service (BELS) have a Toy Library for children aged 0 to 12 years and would welcome donations of toys and games in excellent condition as would Common Ground Asylum Support Group.

South Shields and Tynemouth Markets are good for buying secondhand toys.

recycle

Whilst toys broken beyond repair are difficult to recycle, many toys are still almost as good as new when our children have finished with them. So if you want to recycle toys why not, in the first instance, get your children involved by asking them to sort their toys and put to one side those they no longer like or have grown out of? You can then decide how to recycle the toys

repair

local contacts

WALKERGATE EARLY YEARS, Phone 0191 263 2411
Shields Road, Walkergate, Newcastle, NE6 4XW

SURE START NORTH MOOR TOY LIBRARY. Phone 0191 213 4100
Fawdon Children's Centre, Zalewood Avenue, Venus Cairns Way, Fawdon, Newcastle, NE3 3RX

NEWBIGGIN HALL TOY LIBRARY. Phone 0191 2142470 (M-F 9-4)
Newbiggin Hall Children's Centre, Newbiggin Lane, Newbiggin Hall Estate, Newcastle, NE5 1LZ

KIDSTUFF@RIVERSIDE. Phone 0191 226 0754 DAY
Riverside Community Health Project, Benwell library Basement, Atkinson Road, Benwell, Newcastle, NE4 8XS
E-mail: all@riversidechp.co.uk or kath@riversidechp.co.uk

NEWCASTLE PLAYGROUP, Phone 0191 228 9937 (9-3 TERM-TIME)
Loan Service, Heaton Community Centre, Trew hitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle, NE6 5DY

NEWCASTLE GROUPS INITIATIVE TOY LIBRARY, Phone 0191 265 6158 Day /answer phone
Heaton Community Centre, Trew hitt Road, Heaton, Newcastle, NE6 5DY

NEWCASTLE TOY & LEISURE, Christine Graham on 0191 238 6303
Hadrian School, Bertram Crescent,
Newcastle, NE15 6PY
HOPING TO RELAUNCH L/LIBRARY.

Common Ground (East Area Asylum Support Group)
Church Walk House, Church Walk Centre Walker NE6 3DH, Phone 01912622522.
<http://www.eaassg.org.uk>
Open weekdays 10am - 2pm

Baby Equipment Loan Service
18 Tynemouth Road, Wallsend, NE28 0LF
<http://www.belsnorthtyneside.org.uk>
Phone 0191 2635770 for opening times.

national contacts

Need to find a charity shop -have a look at <http://www.charityshops.org.uk/locator.php> All you need is a postcode and what you are wanting to donate or buy.

comments

vinyl records

facts see records -vinyl

reduce

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local contacts

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comments

aluminium**facts**

Aluminium can be recycled indefinitely without losing any of its properties. One recycled aluminium can will save enough energy to power a television for three hours.

reduce**reuse**

Aluminium containers and foil can be cleaned and reused. Saucepans, baking and sweet tins and other household items may be donated to charity shops for resale.

recycle

You can recycle aluminium cans on Newcastle's kerbside recycling collection. Washed and CLEAN foil is also accepted.

When washed, foil milk bottle tops, tops of cartons, baking and freezing trays, kitchen foil, cigarette and tobacco foil (without the backing paper) are all suitable for collection (see the local contacts entry for locations of where to take them).

Saucepans, baking and sweet tins and other metal household items can be taken to local authority recycling centres where they can be sold on to a scrap metal merchant for recycling.

repair**local contacts**

The following centres pay cash for aluminium cans in the Newcastle area. Please telephone them for current price information.

Jebb Metals (Newcastle) Ltd
Station Road
Walker
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
Tyne & Wear
NE6 3PN
Tel: 0191 262 7099
Fax: 0191 262 5458

North East Recycling Limited
Imperial House, Unit 1 Forsters Court
Factory Road, Blaydon, NE21 5SA
Tel 0191 499 0463

Cleveland Metals
Cross Street
Quality Row
Byker
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
Tyne & Wear
NE6 1LB
Tel: 0191 265 1199
Fax: 0191 265 6644

Sunderland Community Furniture Service provides employment and training opportunities for people with various disabilities. The recycling side of the Service offers furniture for families and individuals in need, and to help fund their activities they recycle various materials including aluminium cans and aluminium foil.

Aluminium foil is collected from Meals on Wheels and similar local services. Alucans are collected from local schools and offices.

Further collections may be available for other organisations who would like to donate their aluminium - please contact the centre manager Tony Lawson for further details:

Sunderland Community Furniture Service,
Unit 13c,
Southwick Industrial Estate,
North Hylton Road,
Sunderland
SR5 3TX
Telephone 0191 549 4343
Fax 0191 548 8681

Newcastle City Envirocall (for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling

Centre)
and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000

national contacts

Aluminium Packaging Recycling Organisation (Alupro)
1 Brockhill Court,
Brockhill Lane
Redditch,
B97 6RB
Tel: 01527 597757
Fax: 01527 594140
Email: info@alupro.org.uk

comments**brass****facts****reduce**

Our local scrapstore, The House of Objects takes various metals for reuse in creative activities. These include:
copper, aluminium, steel wire, sheet metal, chains, pipes, electronic and electrical parts, mechanical gears, circuitry, mesh, drums (any si

reuse**recycle**

All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept brass in the metals skip which will be sent for recycling.

repair**local contacts**

Creative Recycling - House of Objects
The Rising Sun Countryside Centre
Whitley Road
Benton
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE12 9SS
Contact: Elaine Mason, 0191 200 1501 elaine.mason@northtyneside.gov.uk

Lees Scrap metal -takes Copper, Brass, Aluminium, Iron

Lees Scrap Metal
101, Grey Street,
North Shields,
NE30 2EG
Mob: 07856 608451
Tel: 0191 289 5779

Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre)
and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000

national contacts

Other metal recycling companies can be found by looking up Salvo Materials Information Exchange (<http://www.salvomie.co.uk/index.html>) low value, construction and landscape materials or Smartwaste Directory (<http://www.smartwaste.co.uk/bremap.jsp>) large

comments

Most metal coins are also accepted in the metals skips at HWRCs

cans**facts****reduce**

Buying fresh food instead of tinned food, and concentrated squashes or cordials in bottles instead of cans of fizzy drinks can reduce the amount of packaging that needs disposing.

reuse**recycle**

You can recycle your steel or aluminium cans using Newcastle's kerbside collection or at local banks

repair**local contacts**

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Jebb Metals (Newcastle) Ltd
Station Road
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Tyne & Wear
NE6 3PN
Tel: 0191 262 7099
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Sunderland Community Furniture Service,
Unit 13c, Southwick Industrial Estate,
North Hylton Road,
Sunderland
SR5 3TX
Telephone 0191 549 4343
Fax 0191 548 8681

Steel and aluminium cans may be recycled at:-

- Asda, Hollywood Avenue
- Ozanam House Dunholme Road
- Heaton Community Centre, Trewhitt Road
- Newcastle University, Spital Tongues Hall of Residence
- Newburn Leisure Centre , Grange Road
- Morrison's, Two Ball Lonnen Cowgate
- Sainsbury, Etherstone Avenue High Heaton
- Springbank CIU Club, Condercum Road
- Tesco, Kingston Park
- West Denton Shopping Centre
- Benwell Nature Park

national contacts Aluminium Packaging Recycling Organisation (Alupro)
 1 Brockhill Court,
 Brockhill Lane
 Redditch,
 B97 6RB
 Tel: 01527 597757
 Fax: 01527 594140
 Email: info@alupro.org.uk

comments

coins

facts

reduce

Donate foreign coins to charity shops, such as Oxfam or RNID. Some banks accept foreign coins for specific charitable organisations.

reuse

recycle

Banks will take back any unwanted coins.

Guide Dogs for the Blind are running a treasure hunt campaign asking for donation of - jewellery, watches, keys, mobile phones, old and foreign coins or bank notes.

They will provide a collection box and posters to your school, office or business if you call 0845 603 9779 or contact the nearest officer in South Tyneside, contact is Jennifer Emmerson on 0191 4232814.

All 3 HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) accept coins in the metals skip which will be sent for recycling.

repair

local contacts

Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000.

national contacts

If you have single items, please send them to: FREEPOST GUIDE DOGS TH RECYCLING

More information can be found at
<http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/helpus/fundraisingactivities/recycle/recycletreasurehunt/>

comments

foil

facts

See Aluminium Foil.

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

keys**facts**

These are alloys so not in recycling bins

reduce**reuse****recycle**

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These are alloys so not in recycling bins, but can go to HWRC (Household Waste and Recycling Centre)

Find a mixed-metals recycling bin (enter your postcode on <http://www.recyclenow.com>) or send them to <http://www.keysforkindness.com> , which recycles keys and gives the money to charity (Multiple Sclerosis).

repair**local contacts****national contacts**

If you have single items, please send them to: FREEPOST GUIDE DOGS TH RECYCLING

More information can be found at
<http://www.guidedogs.org.uk/helpus/fundraisingactivities/recycle/recycletreasurehunt/>

Keys for Kindness:
P.O. BOX 201,
PEARL RIVER

comments**tins****facts**

See cans

reduce**reuse****recycle****repair****local contacts****national contacts****comments**

Miscellaneous

arts & crafts

facts

reduce

reuse

Arts and crafts can provide a cheap, and often more original alternative to buying what is already available in the shops. A great place to look for materials is to examine what you would normally throw away, or recycle and perhaps you could set up your own version or contribute towards a local community group's scrap cupboard or box.

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

baby equipment

facts

reduce

reuse

Buggies, cots, high-chairs etc are needed by 'Common Ground' who pass these items on to local asylum-seeking families.

These are also required by 'Baby Equipment Loan Service', a charity who loan items out at low cost to North Tyneside residents.

There are several options for buying or selling second hand goods, including the National Childcare Trust or Ebay.

recycle

Clothing, blankets etc can be recycled at textile recycling banks, which are locate around the city.

repair

local contacts

Common Ground (East Area Asylum Support Group)
 Church Walk House
 Church Walk Centre Walker NE6 3DH
<http://www.eaassg.org.uk>
 Phone 01912622522
 Open weekdays 10am - 2pm

Baby Equipment Loan Service
 18 Tynemouth Road, Wallsend, NE28 0LF
<http://www.belsnorthtyneside.org.uk>
 Phone 01912 635770 for opening times.

For queries about nearly new sale in the Newcastle areas, please contact Rebecca on 01661 852733. Also see the Toy Libraries entry for further information.

national contacts

There is a local branch finder for the National Childcare Trust at <http://www.nctpregnancyandbabycare.com> or call 0870 444 8707.

comments

books**facts****reduce**

Libraries are a wonderful resource and mean you don't have to buy any books.

reuse

Bought a book and finished it? Don't know what to do with it? If you've read it swap it!

Books can be donated to your friends, or if not to local libraries or charity shops.

Most British Heart Foundation shops have good stocks of contemporary novels, alphabetically organized but usually a costly £2 each. If you tell the Mind shop in Whitley Bay what book you want they will phone you if they get it donated. Robinsons Books in the lovely Grainger Market is good value for popular fiction and they may buy your 2nd hand books. Black Flame books specialize in 2nd hand occult and science fiction.

recycle

Because of the glue used in the binding, books cannot be recycled with other paper recycling. Books that are donated to charity shops but aren't sold by the shop, are still recycled as they are taken away by a Europe wide company called Precycle. <http://www.precycle.eu>

repair**local contacts**

Mind, 194 Whitley Rd, Whitley Bay Phone 01912531395.
Open Monday to Saturday 9am - 4pm.

Robinson's Books, 49 Grainger Market, Newcastle Phone 01912322978.

Black Flame Books, 1 Bolingbroke St, Heaton NE6 5PH Phone 01912094093
Open Monday to Saturday 10am - 5pm
<http://www.blackflamebooks.co.uk>

You can also take it to the Oxfam bookshop in Newcastle:
7 St Mary's Place
NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
Tyne and Wear
NE1 7PG
Tel: 0191 232 2476

There are also book banks located in the follow sites around Newcastle: Asda, Hollywood Avenue
Oxfam Shop, Acorn Road, Jesmond
Morrisons, Two Ball Lonnen, Cowgate
Sainsbury, Etherstone Avenue, High Heaton
Tesco, Kingston Park

national contacts

[http://www.readitwapit.co.uk/TheLibrary.aspx](http://www.readitswapit.co.uk/TheLibrary.aspx)

Need to find a charity shop -have a look at <http://www.charityshops.org.uk/locator.php> All you need is a postcode and what you are wanting to donate or buy.

comments**fireplaces****facts****reduce****reuse**

Lots of lovely old fireplaces can be bought from 'Past and Present'. They buy too.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

Past and Present 53 Roker Baths Road SR6 9QE Phone 01915658432
Open Monday to Friday 10-5.30pm, Saturday 'til 4.30. Closed Weds.

national contacts**comments**

fishing rods**facts****reduce****reuse**

There is a good selection of 2nd-hand fishing rods at Secondhand Rose, mostly around £20.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

Secondhand Rose, 537 Stanhope Rose, Sunderland NE33 4DX Phone 0191 4566503
Open Monday to Saturday 9-5, closed Weds.

national contacts**comments****games****facts**

Also see toys

reduce

Why not try to use a toy library rather than buying new ones. Toy Loan is in essence a green activity. It shares community resources and reduces consumption. There are 6 toy libraries in Newcastle.

reuse

Once you have finished with a game you can pass them on to family and friends, take them to charity or second hand shops or perhaps pass them on through freecycle /Freegle or selling on eBay.

Many local nurseries or toy libraries may also welcome the donation.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

The local Freecycle network is now run as Freegle but can still be found online at <http://www.toon.org.uk>

national contacts

To find out your nearest toy library contact:
The National Association of Toy and Leisure Libraries Helpline: 020 7428 2286 fax: 020 7428 2281 email: helpline@playmatters.co.uk
Open Monday Tuesday & Thursday 9.00am - 4.30pm
<http://www.natll.org.uk>

comments**glasses****facts**

See Spectacles.

reduce**reuse****recycle****repair****local contacts****national contacts****comments**

hats, gloves and scarves

facts

reduce

reuse

Ron Eager House (Tyneside Cyrenians) can use all donations of these to give to homeless men and women especially during the winter.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Ron Eager House, 214 Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE4 6AN
Phone 0191 2325699
Open Weekdays 7.30am - 3pm

national contacts

comments

packaging

facts

Packaging, such as crisp packets, are often made up of a mixture of materials including paper, plastic and metal, and this makes recycling difficult. There is a lack of facilities and technology for recycling mixed packaging.

Packaging makes up around one-third of the average household dustbin. It is often necessary to protect the product to prolong its lifespan. However, over-packaging does occur, especially for marketing purposes. Basic foods such as bread and rice are rarely over-packaged, while convenience foods often have two or three layers of packaging.

reduce

Try and avoid over packaged items and buy loose products wherever possible. Buying bigger quantities can also reduce the packaging required.
If you live near a food weigh self serve shops you can take your own containers and reduce packaging.

reuse

Buy products in refillable containers such as toiletries from the Body Shop or cleaning liquids by Ecover. Buy milk in glass bottles from the milkman.

recycle

When choosing a product pick the packaging material that is easiest for you to recycle locally. Note that there is a difference between materials which it is technically possible to recycle and materials for which Newcastle City Council provides a recycling facility

repair

local contacts

national contacts

The Industry Council for Packaging & the Environment (INCPEN)
SoanePoint
6-8 Market Place
Reading
Berkshire
RG1 2EG
t 0118 925 5991
f 0118 925 5993
Info@incpen.org
<http://www.incpen.org>

Novelis Recycling (formerly ALCAN)
<http://w>

comments

perspex**facts****reduce****reuse**

The House of Objects scrap store can use donations of Perspex for using in art projects with young people.

recycle**repair****local contacts**

House of Objects
Rising Sun countryside Centre, Whitley Road, Benton, Newcastle NE12 9SS
<http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/houseofobjects>

national contacts**comments****polystyrene packaging****facts****reduce**

The best thing is to try and avoid it in the first place. Try and choose suppliers that use either biodegradable or inflatable bag packaging. One example is called: ExpandOS.
<http://www.ExpandOS.com>
for further details.

reuse

Cleaned up polystyrene can be used as insulation in roofs and wall cavities.

Polystyrene Peanuts: If you are planting things in large pots, broken up polystyrene in the bottom of the pot is good for drainage and makes the pot lighter to move around than if it was filled completely with soil. Alternatively, offer them on freecycle - someone always need to pack something.

recycle

Polystyrene is not easy to recycle and we would recommend trying to avoid it or reuse it where possible

repair**local contacts****national contacts****comments**

smart shopping**facts****reduce**

Buy products with little or no packaging. Choose products according to the amount of packaging they have in the following order:

1. Avoid packaging, choose loose fruit and vegetables;
2. Prefer packaging made of cardboard, sustainable materials or

reuse

Avoid disposable products, such as single-use cameras, razors and paper plates. Instead, buy reusable and refillable items, like rechargeable batteries.

Buy reusable shopping bags to take the next time you go to the shops. Keep your bags in your handbag, glove compartment or by the front door so you don't forget them.

Have your milk and vegetables delivered to your door. This will reduce the amount of plastic packaging your goods are wrapped in and give you affordable, quality produce, delivered to your door.

1. Sign up to a vegetable box service. For a list of suppliers see the useful links opposite;
2. find your local milkman: go to find your local milkman (Dairy UK); write to:
'Find a milkman',
93 Baker Street,
London
W1U 6QQ

Stating your name, address and postcode; or email these details to info@dairyuk.org.

recycle

Close the loop by buying products made out of recycled goods.

repair**local contacts**

You can find low packaging Scoop Shops at the following locations:

Food Weigh House, 147 Shields Road, Byker
Food Weigh House, 51 Bedford Street, North Shields.
Fruit & Nut Company, Grainger Market , Newcastle

Washing Detergent Refills of ECOVER:
Honey Tree,
Heaton Road

Compassion Meditation Centre,
34 Station Road,
South Gosforth,
NE3 1QD
Telephone 0191 284 3501

If you wish to sign up to an organic vegetable box delivery, there are the following services around Newcastle:

Gosforth Park Farm Shop:
0191 234 5920 or
the.farm.shop@btconnect.com

Or River Ford:
0191 488 0900 or
ianandgwen@riverfordhomedelivery.co.uk

national contacts**comments**

soap**facts****reduce****reuse**

The easiest way to use soap scraps is to pop them into a toweling bag and use it as a pre-soaped wash bag. Simply make a drawstring bag, fill it with leftover soap scraps, add two tablespoons of dried herbs, such as chamomile and lavender, two tablespoons of medium ground oatmeal, and hang in your shower recess. It will save on soap, great for softening the skin, and is easy for small children to handle.

recycle

You can recycle soap scraps into new soap bars. Place the scraps in a saucepan, cover with water and allow to soak for 24 hours, giving an occasional stir. Bring to the boil, remove from heat and add a tablespoon of vegetable oil to each cupful of the soap mixture. Pour the mixture into suitable moulds and allow to harden for two weeks before use. If you want to use your soap after 24 hours, omit the vegetable oil from the recipe.

To make liquid soap, place leftover pieces of soap in a jar of hot water, then add some lemon juice and glycerine and shake well.

Soap scraps can be made into a handy cleaning gel for general purpose household and laundry use. This gel will remove most stubborn stains and is excellent for removing grease from carpets and for washing greasy clothes. Place soap scraps in a saucepan, cover with water and allow to soak for twenty-four hours, stirring occasionally. Bring the mixture to boil over a medium heat, stirring continuously, then reduce to a simmer. Whisk or mash to completely dissolve the soap. Remove from heat, allow to cool, and for each cup of the resultant soap-like jelly, add two cups of talcum powder and two tablespoons of mineral turpentine. Mix well and store in a large, wide-mouthed container with a tight fitting lid.

repair**local contacts****national contacts****comments**

spectacles

facts

By donating your spectacles to a good cause they will be put to good use and become one less item to join a landfill site and become an environmental hazard.

reduce

reuse

You can send spectacles to be recycled by Vision Aid Overseas, which refurbishes them and sends them overseas.

You can send them direct or drop them of at many local opticians, including Vision Express and Specsavers.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Vision Express
Newcastle: 2 Northumberland St, Newcastle, Tyne and Wear, NE1 7DE

Gateshead (MetroCentre): 81/83 Russell Way, MetroCentre, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 9XX

Specsavers
Newcastle: 10-14 High Friars, Eldon Square Shopping Centre, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 7XG
Tel : 0191 233 0077, Fax : 0191 233 0464

Gateshead : 37 Jackson Street, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE8 1EE
Tel : 0191 478 8060, Fax : 0191 478 8062

national contacts

Vision Aid Overseas:
12 The Bell Centre, Newton Road, Manor Royal, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 9FZ
Tel: 01293 535016
Fax: 01293 535026
Email: info@vao.org.uk
<http://www.vao.org.uk/spectacles/index.html>

comments

tetra packs

facts

See cartons

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

video tapes**facts****reduce****reuse**

You may be finished with the video but if it is still usable pass them on: offer pre-recorded videos to your local charity shop or on Freecycle - not everyone's made the switch to DVD and it's a cheap way for them to pick up entertainment for free/cheap. Some charity shops don't accept them any more because no one buys them - it differs from shop to shop and between areas.

Crafters have used the tape for crocheting or weaving. The resulting fabric is often used for retro-style bags or purses. Gardeners also use strips of video to deter birds from attacking seedlings. You could also use the tape for making plastic ribbons for a 'football supporter wig'.

recycle

For video tapes there is a snag: while the plastic casing can be recycled, the tape cannot.

Keymood: <http://www.keymood.co.uk> (formerly The ReCycling People) will recycle VRS tape plastic covers but there is a charge to cover the landfill cost of the tape: £15 for up to 50 pieces, £20 for 50-140; DVD and CD recycling is free.

repair**local contacts**

Toon Freecycle is a local version of the national freecycle network run online. You can register sign up or login at or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/toon/> (but we aware changes are afoot and this is about to change soon).

national contacts

Need to find a charity shop - have a look at <http://www.charityshops.org.uk/locator.php> All you need is a postcode.

The national Freecycle network can be found at <http://www.freecycle.org/group/uk/>

Keymood /The ReCycling People Limited
Wolf Busine

comments**YOU****facts****reduce****reuse**

Join the NHS Organ Donor Register today to ensure, in the event of your death, you can give the gift of an organ transplant to those who need one.

recycle**repair****local contacts****national contacts**

Please register using one of the following methods.
* Visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk
* Call 0300 123 23 23
* Text save to 84118

comments

Paper cardboard

facts

reduce

Try to avoid buying items which contain large amounts of cardboard packaging. Many removal firms supply cardboard boxes which are then taken back after use.

reuse

Most cardboard boxes can be flattened and stored easily ready for reuse.

Our local scrapstore, The House of Objects will take: corrugated card, cardboard, boxes, packaging, wallpaper, tubes, maps, and gift-wrap.

recycle

Cardboard can be torn up in to small pieces and added to the compost bin. You can recycle your cardboard using your blue bin collection - flatten, cut or rip up large cardboard boxes to fit them into your bin or take it to at all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) in the Newcastle area.

repair

local contacts

Creative Recycling - House of Objects
The Rising Sun Countryside Centre
Whitley Road
Benton
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE12 9SS
Contact: Elaine Mason, 0191 200 1501 elaine.mason@northtyneside.gov.uk

Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle): 0191 274 4000

national contacts

comments

egg boxes (compressed paper)

facts

reduce

Take your finished egg box to a local shop to collect more eggs.

reuse

Alternative uses are seed and seedling trays.

recycle

Cardboard egg boxes can be added to your compost heap or put in your household recycling bin.

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

envelopes

facts

reduce

Try and use envelopes made from recycled paper and avoid those that cannot be recycled (brown or with windows)

reuse

Envelopes may be reused by sticking labels over the old address.

recycle

Brown envelopes or those with windows are not accepted in the blue bin or black box collections or in paper recycling banks in Newcastle . Some Jiffy bags are made from brown paper and padded with shredded newsprint, and are therefore 100% compostable if too damaged to be reused.

repair

local contacts

(see paper for location of banks)

national contacts

comments

greeting cards

facts

The Woodland Trust's annual Christmas Card Recycling Scheme started in 1996 and now includes a wide range of partners such as WHSmith, Tesco, TK Maxx and Marks & Spencer store who set up recycling points for collections.

reduce

reuse

Many old greeting cards can be used for arts and crafts activities.
Gift tags can be made out of old cards.

recycle

The Woodland Trust's annual Christmas Card Recycling Scheme started in 1996 and now includes a wide range of partners such as WHSmith, Tesco, TK Maxx and Marks & Spencer store who set up recycling points for collections.

Throughout the year greeting cards without glitter, or tags etc can go in the blue recycling bin in Newcastle.

repair

local contacts

national contacts

The Woodland Trust Christmas card campaign:
<http://www.woodland-trust.org.uk/cards/>

comments

junk mail**facts**

17.5 billion pieces of junk mail are produced every year in the UK. This includes both addressed and unaddressed junk mail. To produce all this junk mail 550,000 tonnes of paper and 16.5 billion litres of water are used. Over the last five years the overall volume of junk mail sent out has decreased slightly, by an estimated 0.2 per cent per year. 650 pieces of junk mail are posted through the average British letterbox every year.

reduce

You can stop most of the junk mail you receive by registering with the Mail Preference Service. Through this service you can also stop junk mail arriving for those no longer at your address. Unwanted faxes can also be stopped via the same organisation con

reuse**recycle**

You can recycle junk mail in the blue bin collection : Newspaper, magazines and paper including letters, flyers, leaflets and white envelopes without windows (no brown envelopes, plastic coated paper or bound files).

repair**local contacts****national contacts**

Mailing Preference Service (MPS)
DMA House
70 Margaret Street
London
W1W 8SS
MPS Registration line - 0845 703 4599
Tel 020 7291 3310
Fax 020 7323 4226
Email mps@dma.org.uk
Web <http://www.mpsonline.org.uk>

Opt out e-mail with Royal

comments**magazines****facts**

See paper

reduce**reuse****recycle****repair****local contacts****national contacts****comments**

paper**facts**

Did you know around one fifth of the average household bin is paper?

reduce

Get as much use from the paper as you can. Set your computer printer to print double sided.

reuse

Make scrap pads out of scrap paper. Unwanted office paper such as that with out-of-date letterheads can be donated to local schools or scrapstores. Our local one will take: any paper, corrugated card, cardboard, boxes, packaging, Cellophane, wallpaper, tubes, maps, gift-wrap etc

recycle

Newcastle City Council collect newspaper, magazines and junk mail on their household recycling collection (blue bin) scheme. However, they do not collect brown envelopes or window envelopes. Unfortunately shredded paper cannot be included in the kerbside collection, however, small quantities may be added to your compost bin or wormery.

Yellow Pages can only be placed in your recycling box during the time of year when the new Yellow Pages are delivered. This is usually late July/Early August. There are also recycling points for newspapers and magazines situated around the city.

repair**local contacts**

Creative Recycling - House of Objects
The Rising Sun Countryside Centre
Whitley Road
Benton
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE12 9SS
Contact: Elaine Mason, 0191 200 1501 elaine.mason@northtyneside.gov.uk

Newspaper and magazines may be recycled at the following points in Newcastle:

Arndale Shopping Centre,
Asda, Hollywood Avenue, Clayton Park Square, Jesmond
Ozanam House, Dunholme Road, Benwell
Heaton Library, Heaton Park View, Heaton
Morrisons, Shields Road, Byker
Newcastle University, Spital Tongues Hall of Residence
Morrisons, Two Ball Lonnen, Cowgate
Sainsbury, Etherstone Avenue, High Heaton
Tesco, Kingston Park

national contacts**comments****paperboard****facts**

see cardboard

reduce**reuse****recycle****repair****local contacts****national contacts****comments**

phone directories

facts

reduce

reuse

recycle

You can recycle Yellow Pages or phone directories in your blue bin . You can also recycle them at some paper recycling banks. Yellow Pages Banks are also put out in July and August and Telephone Directory Banks when directories are being changed over.

repair

local contacts

national contacts

Morrisons, Two Ball Lonnen Cowgate
Sainsbury, Etherstone Avenue High Heaton
Tesco, Kingston Park

comments

stamps

facts

reduce

reuse

Collect all your unwanted - both used and unused - stamps and drop them off at your local Oxfam shop.

The RNLI also collect stamps and have a drop of point at the Royal Mail City Delivery Office, Forth Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, (behind Central Station).

The RSPB recycles used stamps to fundraise for its albatross scheme. Packs of over 2kg can be sent to the address below.

recycle

repair

local contacts

You can drop off stamps at any Oxfam shop - visit: <http://www.oxfam.org.uk/shop/index.htm>

Or alternatively visit:
Oxfam Shop 99 Percy Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 7RT
Email: oxfamshopf0221@btconnect.com
Telephone: 0191 2220358

Royal Mail City Delivery Office, Forth Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne (behind Central Station).

national contacts

RSPB, PO Box 6198 Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 9XT <http://www.rspb.org.uk>

comments

yellow pages

facts

See phone directories

reduce

reuse

recycle

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

Plastic plastic bottles

facts Plastic bottles are made from oil and recycling them means less oil needs to be extracted. It also reduces landfill and potentially cuts CO2 emissions. It's also more energy efficient to use recycled plastics than raw materials when making new products. Recycling one plastic bottle saves enough energy to run a 60-watt light bulb for six hours.

reduce Avoid buying bottled drinks, especially when there are not outlets for recycling the packaging. Where possible use tap water and drink from a reusable container.

reuse You can reuse plastic bottles as handy storage containers or cut them up and use them as pots for seedlings. In some countries take-back schemes operate, however these are yet to be introduced into the UK. Carry a bottle that you can refill from a tap to avoid unnecessary purchasing of bottled water,

recycle You can recycle plastic bottles at some recycling banks and on your blue bin collection. Please rinse, remove tops and squash before putting them out.

repair

local contacts Plastic bottles may be recycled at the following sites:
 Asda, Hollywood Avenue
 Benwell Nature Park
 Ozanam House, Dunholme Road
 Heaton Community Centre, Trewitt Road
 Newcastle University, Spital Tongues Hall of Residence
 Oxfam Shop, Acorn Road Jesmond
 Morrisons, Two Ball Lonnen Cowgate
 Sainsbury, Etherstone Avenue High Heaton
 Tesco, Kingston Park
 West Denton Shopping Centre
 Asda, Hollywood Avenue

national contacts

comments

plastic carrier bags

facts On average each person consumes over 290 plastic carrier bags per year. Some towns have now banned single-use plastic carrier bags and the Government is considering whether to introduce a tax on them, so they can't be handed out for free at supermarket checkouts.

reduce All supermarkets now have "bag for life" schemes. You buy one large, tough carrier bag for around 10p which should last about 10 trips. When it wears out the cashier will replace it free of charge and the old one will be sent for recycling. Alternatively,

reuse Remember to take them shopping again and reuse your bags. Alternatively they can be a useful small bin liner.

recycle Most large supermarkets provide plastic bags recycling points.

repair

local contacts

national contacts

comments

plastics

facts

The amount of plastic waste generated annually in the UK is estimated to be nearly 3 million tonnes. There are about 50 different types of plastics, with hundreds of different varieties. It's important to recycle plastics or at least reduce your consumption as most types take hundreds of years to decompose in landfill sites.

reduce

Where possible avoid buying over packaged products and refill plastic containers

reuse

Save plastic containers for storage or refilling. our local scrapstore, The House of Objects takes a wide variety of plastics for creative reuse and lists the following as examples: plastic containers (all kinds), bottles, boxes, food containers, pipes, plumbing joints, funnels, spirals.

recycle

Although in theory all household plastics are recyclable, their recycling is not always environmentally friendly. Currently Newcastle only accept plastic bottles for recycling.

repair

local contacts

Creative Recycling - House of Objects
The Rising Sun Countryside Centre
Whitley Road
Benton
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 9SS
Contact: Elaine Mason, 0191 200 1501 elaine.mason@northtyneside.gov.uk

national contacts

comments

Textiles

bedding and bed linen

facts

See Textiles.

reduce

reuse

Blankets, bedding and bed linen can be cut up into long strips (cut in zig zag fashion) and the strips knitted or crocheted into rugs. Use broom handles for knitting needles. These make incredible, unusual and beautiful rugs.

West End Refugee Service, and the Peoples Kitchen will pass on donations of sleeping bags, bed linen, duvets and blankets to clients in need.

Cyrenians Ron Eager House need sleeping bags for rough sleepers.

Cat and Dog Shelters will accept most bed linen and blankets for bedding for their animals.

The best places to buy second-hand bed linen are The Church Shop in North Shields, Cat Protection and House Clearance Service (particularly for duvets) in Wallsend and the Salvation Army shop in Byker. All usually have a good range and both the Church Shop and Cats Protection are cheap.

recycle

repair

local contacts

WERS, St Philips Vicarage, St Philips Close, Newcastle NE4 5JE. Phone 01912737482
<http://www.wers.org.uk>
 Open weekdays 9.30 'til 1pm

People's Kitchen, 56 Bath Lane, Newcastle NE4 5SQ
 Phone 01912220699 Open Tues, Weds, Fri 1 'til 8pm
<http://www.peopleskitchen.co.uk>

Ron Eager House, 214 Westgate Road, Newcastle, NE4 6AN Phone 01912325699
 Open Weekdays 7.30am - 3pm

Newcastle Cat and Dog Shelters
<http://www.dogandcatshelter.com>
 Benton North Farm, Benton Lane, Newcastle NE12 8EH. Phone 01912150435
 Claremont Road, Newcastle NE2 4NL. Phone 01912322878

Salvation Army, Brinkburn St, just off Shields Road, Byker . Phone 01912654306
 Open Mon-Sat 9 to 5

Church Shop, Saville St West, North Shields.
 Open Mon-Sat 8 'til 4pm, Weds 9 'til 1pm

Cat Protection, 164 High St East, Wallsend. Phone 01912627377
 Open Mon- Thurs 10 'til 4, Friday and Saturday 10 'til 3.

House Clearance Service, Furniture Warehouse, Carville Road, Wallsend Phone 01912639683
 Open Monday to Saturday 10ish to 4ish.

national contacts

comments

clothes and other textiles

facts

It is estimated that more than 1 million tonnes of textiles are thrown away every year, with most of this coming from household sources. Textiles make up about 3% by weight of a household bin. At least 50% of the textiles we throw away are recyclable, however, the proportion of textile wastes reused or recycled annually in the UK is only around 25%.

reduce

Buy higher quality, longer lasting clothes. They will save you money in the long run and reduce waste.

reuse

Buy your clothes second hand from charity shops, you can often find some unusual items whilst donating to charity at the same time. Look for recycled content. Donate any unwanted items to charity shops or jumble sales.

Children's and women's clothes - West End women and girls Project

Warm hats, scarves, gloves - Ron Eager House or the Peoples Kitchen, distributed to homeless people.

Teenage boy and young men's clothes and shoes - WERS, passed on to local asylum seekers.

South Shields Flea Market (Market Square, Friday mornings) sells 2nd-hand clothes at jumble sale prices.

Magpie Swap are a 'clothes swap' shop who hold regular events. They say "If you have any good quality items that are tucked away in the back of your wardrobe and never see the light of day, bring them along! Someone may just love them! If we think we can sell them, we will give you 50% of their value as instant store-credit in return. If we can't sell them, we can donate them on your behalf directly to local hostels and shelters where a good stock of clothing is always needed."

recycle

Use textile recycling banks for textiles that could not be reused.

While some clothes donated to charity shops is not sold in the shop, they are taken away by private reuse and recycling companies, who pay the charity shop a small amount for the 'rags'. To increase the likelihood of clothes being re-worn donate to the listings under reuse.

repair

local contacts

West End Women and Girls Project, Stephenson Building, 173 Elswick Road Newcastle.
Phone 01912734942. Open Weds 9.30-11.30am but please phone first as it is a women only space.

Ron Eager House, 214 Westgate Road, Newcastle NE4 6AN Phone 01912325699
Open Monday to Friday 7.30 - 3pm

WERS, St Philips Vicarage, St Philips Close, Newcastle NE4 5JE Phone 01912737482
<http://www.wers.org.uk>
Open weekdays 9.30 'til 1pm

Magpie Swap, 163 Park View, Whitley Bay NE26 3RF <http://www.magpieswap.com>

Textile banks are located at the following sites:

Arndale Shopping Centre
Asda, Hollywood Avenue
Ozanam House, Dunholme Road
Heaton Community Centre, Trewhitt Road
Heaton Library, Heaton Park View
Morrisons, Shields Road Byker
Newcastle University, Spital Tongues Hall of Residence
Oxfam Shop, Acorn Road Jesmond
Morrisons, Two Ball Lonnen Cowgate
Sainsbury, Etherstone Avenue High Heaton
Tesco, Kingston Park
West Denton Shopping Centre

national contacts

Need to find a charity shop -have a look at <http://www.charityshops.org.uk/locator.php> All you need is a postcode and what you are wanting to donate or buy.

comments

curtains**facts****reduce****reuse**

The cat and dog shelters accept donations of curtains.

As with bedding, Cat Protection, the House Clearance Service in Wallsend and North Shields Church Shop often have good, clean supply and Salvation Army shops have a larger stock of curtains than most charity shops.

Textile banks will accept curtains for distribution to local charity shops or animal shelters for bedding.

Or you could sell them (through places like E-BAY and gumtree) or give them away (freecycle)

recycle**repair****local contacts**

Newcastle Cat and Dog Shelters
<http://www.dogandcatshelter.com>
 Benton North Farm, Benton Lane, Newcastle NE12 8EH . Phone 01912150435
 Claremont Road, Newcastle NE2 4NL. Phone 01912322878

Salvation Army , Brinkburn St, just off Shields Road, Byker . Phone 01912654306
 Open Mon-Sat 9 to 5

Church Shop, Saville St West, North Shields.
 Open Mon-Sat 8 'til 4pm, Weds 9 'til 1pm

Cat Protection, 164 High St East, Wallsend. Phone 01912627377
 Open Mon- Thurs 10 'til 4, Friday and Saturday 10 'til 3.
 House Clearance Service, Furniture Warehouse, Carville Road, Wallsend
 Phone 01912639683
 Open Monday to Saturday 10ish to 4ish.

Please see textiles for details of bank locations.

national contacts

Places to sell or give them away include

Ebay: <http://www.ebay.co.uk>
 Freebee: <http://www.freebee.co.uk>
 Freecycle: <http://www.uk.freecycle.org>
 Free2collect: <http://www.free2collect.co.uk>

comments

shoes**facts**

Every year in the UK more than 330 million pairs of shoes are bought, later to be discarded, ending up in landfill. The materials used in making shoes are not normally biodegradable.

reduce

Spend a little extra and buy a good quality pair that will last you longer - it will save you money in the long term as well as reduce waste!

reuse

Pairs of shoes in good condition can be donated to charity shops for resale or reuse e.g. the West End Refugee Service welcome donations of men's shoes for thier clients.

recycle

Before you donate your old shoes be sure to tie them together in pairs as they can easily get separated and single shoes can't be sold on.

repair

Before you get rid of those unworn shoes perhaps you might take another look. Could they be painted, decorated or repaired? Refashioning or repairing old shoes can be far cheaper than buying a new pair.

local contacts

WERS, St Philips Vicarage, St Philips Close, Newcastle NE4 5JE Phone 01912737482.
<http://www.wers.org.uk>
 Open weekdays 9.30 'til 1pm

Shoes can be reused /recycled through all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) in Newcastle, or banks may be found at the following location:

Wm Morrisons,
 200 Two Ball Lonnen,
 Cowgate,
 NE4 9SZ

CA Site,
 Walbottle Road,
 Walbottle,
 NE15 8HN

Tesco Stores Limited,
 Brunton Lane,
 Kingston Park

CA Site,
 Sandy Lane,
 Brunswick Green,
 NE13 7BA

Asda Stores Limited,
 Great North Road,
 Gosforth ,
 NE3 5BUJ

Sainsbury PLC,
 Etherstone Avenue,
 Heaton,
 NE7 7AT

Wm Morrisons,
 Raby Street,
 Byker,
 NE6 1PR

Wm Morrisons,
 Shields Road,
 Byker

national contacts

The European Recycling Company are the only specialist shoe recycling in the UK and have banks all over the country, visit:
<http://www.europeanrecycling.co.uk> or 020 8288 0303 for further details.

comments

sleeping bags

facts

reduce

reuse

Ron Eager House and the People's Kitchen both work with homeless people and always need sleeping bags to give out.

recycle

repair

local contacts

Ron Eager House, 214 Westgate Road, Newcastle NE4 6AN. Phone 0191 2325699
Open Monday to Friday 7.30 - 3pm

People's Kitchen, 56 Bath Lane, Newcastle NE4 5SQ. Phone 0191 2220699
<http://www.peopleskitchen.co.uk>

national contacts

comments

tights

facts

reduce

reuse

Tightsplease:
<http://www.tightsplease.co.uk>
Have suggestions for reusing old tights in the home and garden on their website.

recycle

There are very few options, given that you can't really repair non pure-wool tights. Tightsplease (www.tightsplease.co.uk) collects old and laddered tights for women suffering from fistula in Ethiopia .

repair

local contacts

national contacts

Send to:
Ethiopia Tights Appeal,
Tightsplease,
2nd Floor
Albion Court,
18-20 Frederick Street,
Rockley,
Birmingham,
B13RE.

comments

towels

facts

reduce

reuse

The PDSA Pet Hospitals can use donations of towels (but no other bedding or fabrics).

recycle

repair

local contacts

PDSA, Stoneygate Lane, Gateshead, NE10 0OX Phone 01914382881

PDSA, Ponteland Road, Cowgate, Newcastle, NE5 3AJ Phone 01912146800

national contacts

comments

vintage clothes

facts

reduce

reuse

Some charity shops are canny at recognizing 'vintage' labels and create a small but higher priced vintage clothes rail in the shop.

However there are some excellent vintage clothes shops in the Newcastle area where you can buy anything from cowboy boots to 1950's summer frocks to old school satchels at reasonable cost. The best vintage clothes shops are listed below.

recycle

repair

local contacts

FLIP, 104 Westgate Road, NE1 4AF Phone 0191 2331755
<http://www.flip-clothing.co.uk>
Open Monday to Saturday 11 to 5pm, closed Weds.

Attica 2 Old George Yard, Newcastle, NE1 1EZ Phone 01912614062
<http://www.atticavintage.co.uk>
Open Monday to Saturday 10.30 to 5.30pm

Best Vintage, 14 High Bridge, Newcastle NE1 1EN Phone 01912618500
<http://www.bestvintageuk.com>
Open Monday to Saturday 10.30 to 5.30pm

national contacts

comments

Wood & Timber

wood

facts

Each UK citizen consumes on average, one tonne of wood a year

reduce

Before buying, check to see if you really need the product first. Consider buying reclaimed or salvaged timber, locally sourced or FSC certified wood.

reuse

Being so durable timber is ideal for reusing so donate unwanted wood to reclamation yards or to friends for DIY.

Kids Kabin in Walker can use donated wood in their workshop; although they cannot collect though. The House of Objects scrap store also take all sorts of wood (off-cuts, dowelling, planks, flooring, ply, shavings etc) for art projects with young people.

recycle

You can include small branches (less than 10cm diameter) in the kerbside garden waste collection.

You can also take wood to the wood /timber recycling skips at all HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre), including: doors, skirting boards, fence panels; wooden furniture e.g. chairs, tables, wardrobes, shelving etc; wooden pallets and boxes; chipboard flooring.

The collected timber is shredded and converted into chipboard which is sold on to furniture manufacturers in the UK. Small amounts of metal and metal fixtures, such as nails, hinges and door handles are removed from the shredded timber by magnets.

repair

local contacts

Kids Kabin, Church Walk, Walker, Newcastle NE6 3DL. Phone 0191 2953655
<http://www.kidskabin.org.uk>
 Open Mon-Thurs 9 'til 8pm, Friday 9 'til 5pm

House of Objects
 Rising Sun countryside Centre
 Whitley Road
 Benton
 Newcastle NE12 9SS
<http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/houseofobjects>

Reivers Reprocessing Ltd
 Abbotsford Rd, Stoneygate Lane, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear NE10 0EX, Tel: 0191 4699991
<http://www.reivers.org>

Newcastle City Envirocall for information about the HWRCs (Household Waste and Recycling Centre) and recycling in Newcastle: 0191 274 4000.

national contacts

comments

For information about where to recycle wood or where to buy recycled wood products, go to:
<http://www.recyclewood.co.uk>

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batteries -general household
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beds
bicycles
binoculars
bits and bobs -textiles
books
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building waste
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egg boxes (compressed paper)

electrical and electronic equipment

end-of-life vehicles

engine oil

envelopes

fireplaces

fishing rods

fluorescent light bulbs

foil

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furniture

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garden waste

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Type of waste to be reduced, reused, repaired or recycled

pesticides, herbicides etc
phone directories
plastic bottles
plastic carrier bags
plastics
polystyrene packaging
printer cartridges / toners
printers
records -vinyl
remote controls
shoes
sleeping bags
smart shopping
soap
spectacles
stamps
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