

What Happens to Oxfordshire's Recycling?

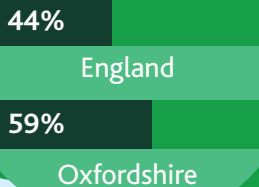


Making an aluminium can from another can uses **95% less energy** than using virgin materials.



Electrical items are broken down into their component parts with the plastics and rare earth metals being used to make new electrical products.

Recycling rates



It takes **25 x 2 litre plastic bottles** to make one adult fleece.



Food and garden waste is turned into **compost** or a **liquid fertiliser** and **electricity**.



Recycling one tonne of paper saves **17 trees**.

Why Europe/Asia?

Resources are now traded in a world market. Europe/Asia have larger manufacturing industries than we have here in the UK making it inevitable that a proportion of our waste will be recycled abroad.

Recycled materials are usually transported in container ships returning to Asia after bringing goods to the UK. This reduces the environmental impact of the transport.

Europe

Asia

For further information please see our full list of end destinations
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