

Recycle Week



What Is Recycling?

Recycle Week is a yearly event which celebrates recycling. It is in its 19th year and was first held in 2004. The aim of Recycle Week is to encourage people to recycle more by explaining the importance of it and by providing them with new ways and ideas for how to recycle at home. In 2022, Recycle Week will run from 19th to 25th September. The theme for this year is 'Let's Get Real'.

Recycling means turning old things that we no longer need or use into something new or the same thing again. There are many items that can and should be recycled, many of which you may already do. These include:

glass

cans

tins

paper

cardboard

plastic

food waste

garden waste

clothing



Did You Know...?

Paper remains one of the most recycled materials in the UK today. Every tonne of paper recycled saves 17 trees!



Why Is Recycling Important?

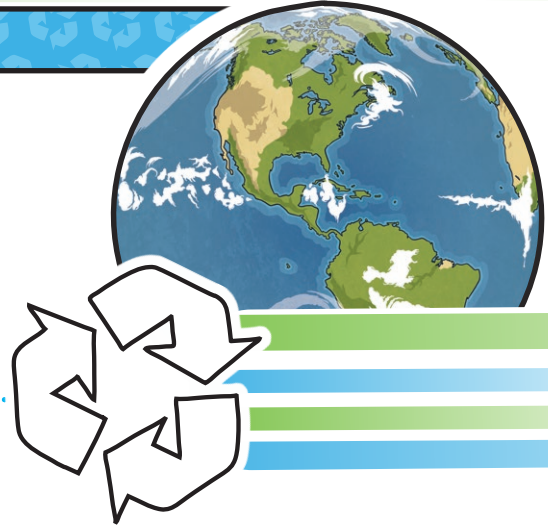
Most of the rubbish that we throw into the bin ends up in landfill. Some rubbish can take up to 400 years to rot away. Plastics take longer and they give off dangerous chemicals and gases into the ground, water and air. This is damaging for the environment, including wildlife and humans. It is also one of the causes of climate change. There are over 500 landfill sites in the UK.

Recycling helps to save our natural resources. For example, if we recycle more paper, less trees will need to be cut down to make new paper. This means that less wildlife will lose their homes.

It takes less time and energy to recycle an old item than it does to make a brand new one. Therefore, recycling helps to save energy. For example, recycling a single glass bottle will save enough energy to power a laptop for half an hour.

Let's Get Real This Recycle Week

This year's theme has been chosen to promote better recycling behaviours and challenge ideas about what can and cannot be recycled. It is important for everybody to get real this Recycle Week and join the fight against climate change!



Questions

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- 8 years
- 19 years
- 20 years
- 4 years

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- 1000 years
- 4 years
- 400 years

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Recycling is the process of turning old things that we no longer need or use into something new or the same thing again. There are many items that you may already be recycling, such as glass, cans, tins, paper, cardboard, plastic, food waste, garden waste and clothing. Paper remains the most recycled material in the UK today. However, there are a huge number of other items that we all have in our homes that can be recycled or reused but tend not to be:

electrical equipment

toys

furniture

batteries (It is estimated that we throw away over 600 million batteries every year in the UK.)

paint



Did You Know...?

As much as 80% of the things that we throw away in the UK could be recycled.



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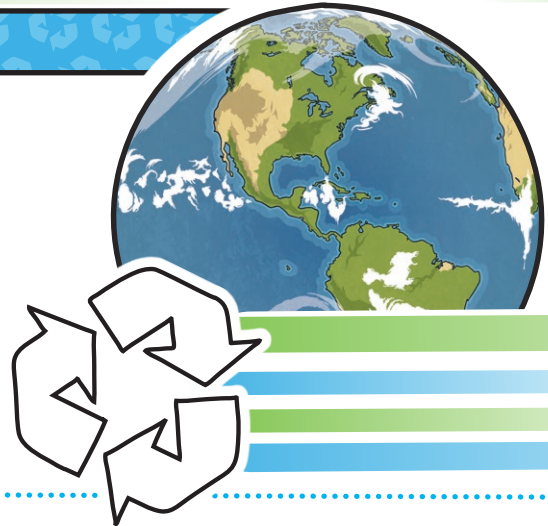
Recycling is more important than ever as our planet is actually being damaged by waste and pollution. Most of the rubbish that we throw into the bin ends up in **landfill**. Some rubbish can take up to 400 years to **degrade** and plastic takes even longer. As it does, it can release dangerous chemicals and gases which cause pollution and climate change.

Recycling helps to save our natural resources. For example, by using less paper or recycling used paper, less trees will need to be cut down to make new paper. This means that less wildlife will lose their homes and natural habitat.

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Glossary

degrade:

To break down or rot away.

landfill:

A place where rubbish is buried.



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- yearly
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- daily

2. What is the most commonly recycled material in the UK? Tick one.

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- paper
- cans

3. How much waste from UK homes could be recycled? Tick one.

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- 50%
- 20%
- 80%

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Accept any two of the following: electrical equipment; toys; furniture; batteries; paint.

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7. Explain in your own words why rubbish is bad for the environment.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Putting rubbish in landfill is bad for the environment because it can take up to 400 years to degrade and as it does so it gives off dangerous chemicals and gases. These damage the surrounding environment and cause pollution and climate change.

8. Explain why it is important to recycle more paper.

Pupils' own responses, such as: It is important to recycle more paper because the more we recycle, the less trees that need to be cut down to make new paper. This means that less wildlife will lose their homes and habitat.

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Last year's event saw some great feedback from participants who attended; a whopping 82% of those people changed their recycling behaviours because of Recycling Week. These numbers show the power of Recycle Week!

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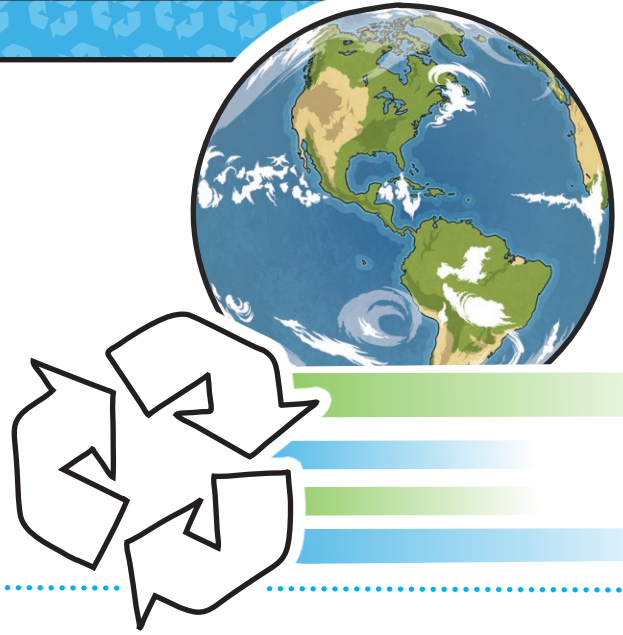
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WRAP is a charity that works with businesses, individuals and communities to help them reduce waste, develop eco-friendly products and use resources in a more efficient way.



Let's Get Real This Recycle Week

With environmental concerns on the increase, this year's theme is more important than ever! Its purpose is to promote better recycling behaviours and challenge ideas about what can and cannot be recycled. It is important for everybody to get real this Recycle Week and join the fight against climate change! After all, this planet is ours and we all have a responsibility to look after it!



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 - 92%
 - 82%
 - 25%
 - 100%

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6. "Most people do not know that batteries can be recycled."
Do you agree? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.
Pupils' own responses, such as: I agree that most people do not know that batteries can be recycled because the text says over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year and only 27% of them are recycled so lots of people must not know that you can.

7. Is recycling important to you? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: Recycling is important to me because I think we have a responsibility to look after our planet. The rubbish that we create is damaging not only to us but to wildlife and the environment too and if we don't do our bit to help then we won't have a planet to look after anymore.

8. Predict what would happen if we did not have Recycle Week.

Pupils' own responses, such as: If we did not have Recycle week, fewer people would know about what they could and could not recycle so landfill sites might become more full and there might be more pollution.