

Plastic Cup Recycling

Reduce and Re-use

- Cut the amount of waste created from office beverages by using ceramic mugs and real glasses. When washing these items to be re-used try using an environmentally friendly washing up liquid, like the Ecover brand.

Why recycle vending cups

Millions of vending cups are used each month, most of which get disposed of to landfill.

By collecting used hard-wall plastic cups for recycling, companies can both cut costs and help the environment. If you sign up to the save-a-cup scheme, collection of the cups is free!

Save A Cup

Save a Cup Recycling Company is funded and supported by the vending and catering industry to provide a free collection and recycling service to users of hard walled polystyrene vending cups.

Collected cups are recycled to form new products such as pens, key rings and coasters.



How to recycle hard-walled polystyrene vending cups:

www.save-a-cup.co.uk

Step 1 – Check your area against that on the save-a-cup collection map, to find out collection regularity.

Step 2 – Order any sacks, bins etc.

Step 3 – Join the scheme and fill out the installation report.

Recycling Cups

In order to recycle plastic cups, they will be sliced into flakes which go through a washing process. The flakes are then melted together and formed into pellets.

These pellets can then be melted again and made into new items, either by using entirely recycled material or by combining recycled material with virgin material.



Fascinating Facts

- Recycling one tonne of plastics saves enough energy to run a refrigerator for a month.
- 69% of plastic waste comes from two uses; packaging and materials handling.
- It takes 125 recycled plastic milk bottles to manufacture one 120 litre wheelie bin from recycled plastic.
- Plastics are made from fossil fuels, a major contributor to global warming.
- Manufacturing plastics from recycled materials uses 30% of the energy required to make virgin plastic products from fossil fuels.
- The recyclate is usually cheaper for manufacturers than using virgin polymer material.

Links

Save A Cup

www.save-a-cup.com

Website for the Save A Cup scheme.

WasteWise

www.recoup.org

Maximising efficient plastic recycling.