

Kids Recycling Fact sheet!

Facts...

- We fill enough dustbins in a year to stretch from earth to the moon and back!
- The weight of Britain's household waste in one year is the same weight as three and a half million double decker buses.
- The queue of double decker buses would go around the world two and a half times.



- Food supermarkets give away 9.9 billion new plastic carrier bags in 2008

- **17 trees = 1 tonne of paper.**

- If glass is thrown away it is not known how long it takes to break down. Glass which is 3000 years old has been found in the middle east.



- The UK produces more than 454 tonnes of waste in 1 year.
- If everyone recycled their aluminium cans, there would be 12 million fewer dustbins every year.
- 1 million tonnes of nappies are thrown away every year.
- Half of our household waste could be recycled but we only recycle 18% of it.

Why recycle...

Reducing, Re-using and recycling is extremely important. Reducing the amount you use up will reduce the amount of worlds resources that is used up in the first place. Re-use: if you re-use something you do not have to replace it, so less has to be produced. Recycling means that you are taking materials that have already been used and making them into new products. Reduce, Re-use and recycle will all help slow down the rate the worlds resources being used up.



The flag (above) represents the European Union. The UK is a member of the European Union (EU). This means we abide by rules given by the EU. The EU has told our government that we have to reduce our waste, to do this we have to recycle more. This is why your local authority encourages you to recycle more.



Landfills are areas where most of our household waste is taken. They are large holes in the ground that rubbish is tipped into, when they are full they are covered up and another hole is dug. Landfills are bad for our environment, they can pollute water in the area, give out greenhouse gasses. Large amounts of reusable and recyclable objects are being chucked into landfills, these resources are being wasted and we are running out of space to put them. If you recycle more, less waste will be taken to the landfills.

Other web pages...



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