

Who's
responsibility
is it?



“Only after the last tree has been cut
down,
Only after the last fish has been caught,
Only after the last river has been
poisoned,
Only then will you realize that money
cannot be eaten.”
(Native American Indian Poem)

Recycling facts and figures

- Households in England produce 25 million tonnes of waste every year. Over half of this consists of garden waste, waste paper and board, and kitchen waste. On average every person in the UK now produces about seven times their own weight in waste a year.
- What makes up household waste? Garden Waste 20%, Scrap metal/White goods 5%, Wood 5%, Dense plastic 4%, Plastic film 4%, Textiles 3%, Metal packaging 3%, Nappies 2%, Soil 3%, Paper and Board 18%, Kitchen Waste 17%, General Household Sweepings 9% and Glass 7%
- Around 20% of the food we buy off supermarket shelves goes straight to the bin. This means that every household throws away £424 of wasted food each year.
- Over 40 per cent of the waste in our bins is retail packaging - some 4.5 million tonnes of it.
- What can be recycled (depending on local service provision)? Plastics, textiles, cans, paper, wood, some kitchen waste, garden waste, car batteries, glass and card.
- To find out what recycling services are available in Wiltshire and for more information on how to make a difference by recycling, visit : www.recycleforwiltshire.com
- How much does it cost to get rid of our waste? Only around £50 per household per year, but most people believe they pay up to £260 for their local waste services.