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# Reuse Directory

A household guide on how to reduce, reuse and recycle your rubbish



North Dorset edition

# Welcome to North Dorset District Council's Reuse Directory

North Dorset District Council's Reuse Directory has been compiled in partnership with Dorset County Council. It is your A-Z local guide about how different items that you no longer need can be reused and recycled locally. The directory also includes advice on how to reduce your rubbish. By using the directory we hope local people will reduce, reuse and recycle goods that would have otherwise been thrown away and buried in a hole in the ground.

We have also included a list of organisations and charities that may be able to take items you no longer need, either to be reused or recycled. In addition to this is a list of recycling site facilities in North Dorset.

This directory also appears on [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com), where it will be updated with new entries as we learn about them. So if you know of any items we have not listed in the directory that can be reused or recycled locally, then please contact us so we can add it to the website.

The content of the directory is presented in good faith. We cannot accept responsibility for omissions, errors or misinformation. Inclusion in the directory does not imply endorsement of any organisation.

If you would like more information about reducing your waste, you might consider requesting a free Waste Reduction Pack. This A5 size solution pack features information on the waste issue, and includes useful tips and advice on the following:-

- How to reduce junk mail
- Home composting
- SMART shopping (Save Money and Reduce Trash)
- Ideas for reusing items that you might otherwise throw away
- Contacting furniture reuse organisations
- Using modern reusable nappies

The Waste Reduction Pack also includes several practical items that you can use, such as a sticker for your door saying "No Junk Mail", gummed labels for reusing envelopes and postcards to send off which will help to reduce your unwanted mail. Packs can be obtained by calling (01305) 225002 or by emailing [waste@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:waste@dorsetcc.gov.uk). You can also download the pack's information booklet from the internet at [www.dorsetforyou.com/reductionpack](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/reductionpack)

## North Dorset District Council's Waste Management Contact Details

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[www.north-dorset.gov.uk](http://www.north-dorset.gov.uk)

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## A-Z of ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle your rubbish in North Dorset.

### A

#### Aerosols

Aerosol cans are accepted in your kerbside recycling box and in all recycling can banks. Please remove and discard the plastic lids. Make sure aerosol cans are completely empty and that they are not pierced or squashed. Please note, paint and solvent aerosols cannot be collected for recycling.

#### Aluminium

If you are storing food, try to use washable containers instead of foil.

Recycling aluminium saves 95% of energy used in manufacturing new cans. Aluminium foil scrunches up if you squeeze it in your hand and can be recycled at some recycling centres. Foil should be washed before recycling it. Laminated foil packaging, such as crisp packets, springs back in your hand after being crunched and cannot be recycled.

See also "Cans & Tins".

#### Arts and Crafts

You might consider getting your craft materials from The Dorset Scrapstore, based in Puddletown. This collects resources from industry, commerce and individuals and makes these materials available to the community as a low cost resource. Visit [www.dorsetscrapstore.org.uk](http://www.dorsetscrapstore.org.uk) or call (01305) 849444 for more details.

#### Ash

Wood ash can be composted.

### B

#### Baby Clothing & Equipment

Prams and cots are expensive, so before throwing them out see if you can donate them to relatives or friends that may want them. You could also consider giving them to a local playgroup or day nursery or selling them at a car boot sale.

## **Bags**

See "Carrier Bags".

## **Bathroom Furniture and Fittings**

A sink in the ground is useful for containing mint and other invasive plants.

See also "Bulky Household Items".

## **Batteries**

It takes far more energy to make a battery than you will ever get from using it. Try and use mains electricity or rechargeable batteries where possible. Although rechargeable batteries are more expensive to buy initially, they will last for up to 1000 charges and are therefore much cheaper to use in the long run. Batteries should not be disposed of with your normal rubbish because the heavy metals (eg nickel, cadmium) may leak into the soil and water supply.

Button cell batteries from watches and cameras can often be returned to the shop where they were purchased. Household batteries and car batteries should be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

## **Bedding**

Use old sheets for covering furniture when painting, or cut them up to make dusters.

Blankets, sheets etc can be placed in textile banks at recycling centres or donated to charity shops or furniture reuse centres. If donating items, please make sure the sheets are clean and in good reusable condition.

## **Bicycles**

If the bicycle is in working order, you could try to resell it through adverts in local shops and newspapers or on the Internet. Bicycle shops will often refurbish your bike for resale or dismantle it for spares.

Bicycles are collected by Re-cycle, the bicycle charity. The bicycles are sent to developing countries where they are repaired and reused. See [www.re-cycle.org](http://www.re-cycle.org) for more information.

## **Blankets**

See "Bedding".

## **Books**

You can take books in good condition to your local library, charity shops or secondhand shops. Damaged books can be taken to any Household Recycling Centre or some recycling centres.

## **Bottles**

See "Glass", "Plastics" and "Milk Bottles".

## **Bottle Tops**

The Rose Road Association in Southampton collect plastic milk bottle tops for recycling. Please contact Rose Road Association directly. Look at [www.roseroad.org.uk](http://www.roseroad.org.uk) or call (02380) 721234 for more details.

## **Bric-a-Brac**

Most charity shops and some furniture reuse centres take bric-a-brac. You could also consider car boot sales. You'll be surprised by what people will buy!

## **Bricks**

Bricks have masses of uses in the garden e.g. supporting water butts, troughs, for raised beds, paths and of course new building projects.

See also "Building Materials".

## **Brochures**

You can share these with friends. They can also be recycled in all paper banks.

## **Building Materials**

You can take these to a Household Recycling Centre but please note that you will not be permitted to enter the site with a van or a trailer over 6ft x 4ft (1.83m x 1.22m).

See page 30 for further details

## **Bulky Household Items**

You could consider donating these to a furniture reuse centre. See page 28 for further details. They can also be accepted at Household Recycling Centres, but please note that you will not be permitted to enter the site with a van or a trailer over 6ft x 4ft (1.83m x 1.22m). See page 30 for further details.

Alternatively the council will collect these items from your home. You will have to pay for this service. The cost will depend on how many items you need collected. Please call the customer contact team to arrange collection (01258) 454111.

### **Buttons**

These can be taken off old clothes to be used again.

## **C**

### **Cans & Tins**

You can recycle these in your kerbside recycling box. They can also be recycled in all can banks. Remember to wash and squash them.

### **Cars**

W & S Recycling will collect and dispose of your car if requested. Call (01202) 668777. This service is free.

### **Car & Car Spares**

Car batteries and engine oil are accepted at all Household Recycling Centres for safe disposal. Local scrap yards reclaim and sell car parts. Small quantities (1/2 gallon or 11 litres) of petrol and diesel can be taken to a Household Recycling Centre for safe storage.

See also "Oil".

### **Cards**

Old cards can be cut up and made into gift tags.

Cards can be placed in your kerbside recycling bag or in any paper bank. Some shops operate recycling schemes at Christmas time. Look out for special collection boxes. In previous years Tesco and WH Smith have had collection boxes in support of the Woodland Trust.

### **Cardboard**

Cardboard boxes are useful for storage and the large boxes can be flattened and stored for later reuse.

You can also compost small amounts of cardboard. Remember to tear it/screw it up first. Egg boxes are good for composting because they create air pockets and provide structure. Avoid composting frozen food packaging and cartons used to hold liquids.

Cardboard can be placed in your brown wheeled bin, if you have one. This includes thin and thick card. Cardboard can be recycled at Household Recycling Centres. Remember to flatten boxes to save space.

See also "Cartons".

### **Carpets & Rugs**

Many carpets are disposed of just because they are dirty! Hiring an industrial-strength steam cleaner will transform your carpets or you can find a company that does it if you don't want to do it yourself.

Use in the garden as a mulch mat if it is Hessian-backed or use a small piece to cover an open compost bin. If you are making a pond, old carpet can sometimes be used beneath the liner.

Donate to furniture reuse centres.

### **Carrier Bags**

Avoid accepting new bags and reuse old bags as much as possible. You could use a real cotton bag or buy "Bags for Life" from most supermarkets. Carrier bags can be used again as bin liners at home. Some charity shops may accept old carrier bags for reuse.

There are plastic bag recycling points at selected supermarkets, where you can recycle all brands of carrier bags, e.g. Somerfield and Tesco at Blandford, Waitrose and Somerfield at Gillingham and Somerfield at Shaftesbury.

### **Cartons**

Try to use alternatives to cardboard drinks cartons (e.g. glass/plastic bottles) because they are more easily recycled. If the carton is made from cardboard (without a foil lining) and you remove the plastic pourer, it can be recycled in your brown bin, if you have one, or in a cardboard recycling bank.

Liquid carton containers can be sent to the Liquid Carton Manufacturers Association for recycling. For further information look at [www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk](http://www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk)

### **Catalogues**

Catalogues can be placed in your recycling bag/box or in the large paper banks at Household Recycling Centres.

## CDs

CDs can be hired from libraries which will save you money. Pre-recorded CDs can be donated to charity shops or to hospital radio. Unwanted CDs can be turned into bird scarers by suspending them on a string.

## Chemicals

See "Hazardous Waste".

## China, Ceramics, Crockery

Broken crockery can be used to add drainage in the bottom of flower pots. China and crockery cannot be recycled in your kerbside recycling box. Take it to a Household Recycling Centre. Good quality items you no longer need can be donated to a charity shop.

See also "Bric-a-Brac".

## Christmas Trees

Live trees, with roots, can be planted directly in the garden or into a container for reuse next year. They need to gradually get used to being indoors (and outdoors again). Place them in a cool light room for a day or two first. Keep well-watered whilst indoors. Alternatively take trees to your local Household Recycling Centre, where they will be taken to be shredded and turned into compost.

## Cleaning Products

Try to use only the correct amount you need. Try to throw away only empty containers.

If you have large quantities of an unknown cleaning product then take it to a Household Recycling Centre and they will be placed in the hazardous chemical store.

You could consider saving some money and using natural products instead e.g. vinegar and crumpled up paper for cleaning windows. If you buy Ecover cleaning products then these can be refilled at some health food shops.

Empty plastic bottles that cannot be refilled should be recycled.

See also "Plastics".

## Cling Film

Try to store food in reusable containers instead of using cling film as this cannot be recycled.

## Clinical Waste

Needles and syringes must not be placed in your normal household rubbish. Contact the place where you got them for safe disposal.

## Clothing

Clothes made from 100% natural materials (e.g. cotton or wool) can be put into your home compost bin. Wool is a good source of nitrogen for your compost. Remember to cut the materials into smaller pieces. Any clothing that is in good condition can be taken to a charity shop.

See also "Textiles".

## Coat Hangers

These will be accepted by some charity shops.

If they are made from metal they can be placed in the metal skip at a Household Recycling Centre.

## Coins

Old coins and foreign coins can be taken to most charity shops. You could also try to find local coin collectors in your area using your telephone directory.

## Comics

Collectors may be interested in old, first edition and classic comics. These can be taken to second hand book shops. They can also be donated to doctors' and dentists' surgeries.

Comics can be put into all paper recycling banks or your kerbside recycling bag/box.

## Composting

Composting is a natural process which breaks down organic waste to make a soil conditioner that is packed with nutrients.

Things you can compost:-

Uncooked vegetable peelings and fruit, rabbit/guinea pig bedding, torn paper/cardboard, coffee grinds, tea bags, grass cuttings, young and annual weeds, houseplants and flowers, finely chopped/shredded shrub prunings, wood ash.

Things you can't compost:-

Cooked food, fish/meat scraps, pernicious weeds, magazines, coal ash, large unchopped woody branches, cat/dog litter.

Each year the Dorset local authorities offer a range of compost bins at reduced rates. Get in touch with North Dorset District Council to see what they have available. They will also be able to tell you if there is a Community Composting scheme or a Community Champion in your area. Community Champions will be able to give you further advice and information about composting.

### **Computers and IT equipment**

Some local retailers will take back computers that are not too old. Contact your local supplier to see if they will accept your model.

Furniture reuse centres may accept computers. See page 28 for further details. You could consider donating your computer to Computer Aid International. Tel (020) 7281 0091 or you can also visit [www.computeraid.org](http://www.computeraid.org) for further details. "Out of Africa" (01202) 694492 and South Somerset Computer recycling on (01935) 414034 also accept computers. Before donating a computer please ensure your hard drive has been erased to remove all trace of personal information.

### **Cookers**

See "Bulky Household Items".

### **Cork**

Reuse corks in the bottom of flower pots to improve drainage or chop up and use as mulch on the top of pot plants. Natural corks will rot eventually so they can be composted.

### **Cosmetics & Toiletries**

Unopened and unused toiletries and cosmetics can be donated to charity shops, charity events etc.

### **Curtains**

Old lace curtains can be put over fruit bushes to protect them from birds. There is now a network of shops buying and selling old curtains. See [www.thecurtainexchange.net](http://www.thecurtainexchange.net).

See also "Textiles".

### **Cutlery**

See "Bric-a-Brac".

## **D**

### **Directories**

If directories are printed on white paper then they can be recycled in your kerbside recycling bag and in all paper banks.

You can compost pages from your directories. Remember to scrunch them up. See also "Yellow Pages".

### **DVDs**

See "CD's".

## **E**

### **Easter Eggs**

Try to choose Easter eggs with less packaging or packaging that has been made from recycled materials.

See also "Cardboard" and "Aluminium".

### **Egg Boxes**

These can be returned to shops and markets. (Ask first as many no longer take them back.) They can also be used for sowing seeds. Cardboard egg boxes are good for home composting because they create air pockets and provide structure. They can also be put in your brown bin, if you have one.

### **Egg Shells**

These can be put in compost bins. They are a good source of calcium. Egg shells can be a slug deterrent – crush them and sprinkle them round your prized plants.

### **Electrical Items**

Most electrical waste is covered by the forthcoming European WEEE (waste from electrical and electronic equipment) Directive. In the near future all electrical appliances will have to be collected separately and sent for either reuse or recycling and reprocessing. Retailers must either offer a like-for-like take-back service or another method for householders to dispose of appliances when a new one is purchased. The cost of reprocessing and collection from an authorised collection point will be borne by the manufacturers.

What does this mean for the householder once the scheme commences?

1. Firstly you should ask your local registered reuse organisation to see if they want your unwanted appliances.
2. When you buy an appliance (and you are sure your old appliance cannot be reused) ask the shop if they have a take back scheme.
3. You will be encouraged to separate your electrical items from your general rubbish when you visit your local Household Recycling Centre.

See also "Bulky Household Items" and "Computers".

### Envelopes

Reuse an envelope by putting a reuse label on. You can either buy reuse labels, make your own or use self-adhesive labels to stick over the previous address. (Labels such as these can be found in Dorset's Waste Reduction pack. See page 1 for details.)

If you can't reuse an envelope then it can be composted. Take any plastic windows out first.

Envelopes cannot be recycled in your kerbside recycling bag because of the glue. However, they can be recycled in all paper banks.

## F

### Fabrics

See "Textiles".

### Fax Junk Mail

If you want to decrease the quantity of faxes you receive then register with the Fax Preference Service by visiting their website at [www.fpsonline.org.uk](http://www.fpsonline.org.uk) or by calling (0845) 0700702 (local rate). Registration is free.

### Feathers

Feathers can be composted.

### Film Canisters

These make handy containers around the home (eg. for pins) and for storing salt, herbs etc when you go on self-catering holidays.

### Fluorescent Tubes

Fluorescent lighting tubes contain mercury and, as such, are potentially toxic to the environment. They should not be disposed of in your normal rubbish. You should pack them carefully and take them to a Household Recycling Centre for recycling.

### Foil

See "Aluminium".

### Food Waste

See "Kitchen Waste".

### Footballs

If you leave an old football floating on your pond in winter it will help stop ice forming and garden wildlife can continue to use the pond in cold winter periods.

### Fridges and Freezers

See "Bulky Household Items" and "Electrical Items".

### Furniture

Furniture can be donated to reuse organisations and some charity shops. All upholstered furniture must meet the Furniture and Furnishings Safety Regulations 1988. See page 28 for further details about local furniture reuse centres.

See also "Bulky Household Items".

## G

### Garden Waste

This can either be composted at home or taken to a Household Recycling Centre. Garden waste from these sites is taken to various sites round Dorset and converted into compost.

See also "Composting".

### Gas Cylinders

Gas bottles are accepted by all Household Recycling Centres. They are returned to the manufacturers for reuse.

## Gifts

You could consider buying an 'experience' for someone as a present. It would save on packaging and wrapping paper!

## Glass

Jars can be reused for storage (e.g. jam, nails) while empty wine containers can be used as candleholders.

Only glass jars and bottles should be recycled and these can be taken to all recycling centres. They should be washed out and tops and stoppers should be removed. They should be carefully sorted, by colour, to maintain the quality of the glass. Other kinds of glass (e.g. sheet glass, drinking glasses) cannot be recycled in the same way. Please do not put them in for recycling with glass bottles and jars, as this will contaminate the load and possibly prevent it from being recycled. Take this type of glass to Household Recycling Centres. Broken glass should be wrapped up before being disposed of in a black sack or blue bin.

See also "Milk Bottles".

## Glasses (spectacles)

These can often be sent to developing countries. They should be in good condition. Boxes can often be found in opticians.

## H

### Hair

Pet hair and human hair can be composted. Human hair can be used in the garden to scare away deer.

### Handbags

These can be donated to charity shops or put in textile banks at recycling centres.

### Hazardous Waste

Try to avoid buying hazardous chemicals as they can be dangerous to children, wildlife and pets. Hazardous substances can only be taken to Household Recycling Centres where they will be put into safe storage. Call Dorset County Council on (01305) 225002 for further details.

## Hearing Aids

Hard of Hearing Christian Fellowship accepts working private and NHS hearing aids for redistribution to the Third World. Send them to Richard Livermore, Open Ears (Worldwide), High Gables, Hall Road, Winfating, Norfolk, IP22 2EJ.

## I

### Ice Cream Sticks

You can reuse these as plant labels. Wooden sticks can be composted.

### Ice Cream Tubs

See "Plastics".

## J

### Jars

See "Glass".

### Jewellery

You can donate this to charity shops.

### Junk Mail

To cut down on the amount of unwanted addressed mail that you receive, register for free with the Mailing Preference Service (MPS), Freepost 29 LON20771, London W1E 0ZT. Visit [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) or call (0845) 7034599 for a form.

Much of the junk mail that people receive is posted out on a regional basis to every household. You can stop receiving some unaddressed junk mail by contacting Royal Mail Door to Door, Opt Outs. Kingsmead House, Oxpens Road, Oxford OX1 1RX. [optout@royalmail.com](mailto:optout@royalmail.com)

Using this service will mean you will no longer receive the unaddressed newspapers that your local authorities send out. These can be provided on request or via council websites.

Alternatively put a "No junk mail" sticker onto your letterbox. You can find these stickers, plus MPS and Opt Out postcards that you can send off to reduce your mail, in Dorset County Council's Waste Reduction Pack. See page 1 for more details.

## K

### Keys

Take to your nearest Household Recycling Centre for scrap metal recycling.

### Kitchen Appliances

See "Bulky Household Items" and "Electrical Items".

### Kitchen Roll

Put used paper (and the cardboard centre) in the compost bin or your brown bin, if you have one. Paper should not be composted if it has been used to mop up any toxic substance e.g. bleach. Remember to tear/scrunch up cardboard.

The cardboard centres are also popular with gerbils!

### Kitchen Waste

Kitchen waste that can be composted include :-

Fruit skins, vegetable peelings, tea bags, coffee grounds, egg shells.

See also "Composting".

Other types of food waste, including cooked food, can go into a food digester. You place all food waste into the top of a cone and it decomposes naturally, in contained surroundings back into the soil. Look at [www.greencone.com](http://www.greencone.com) or call (0800) 7312572 for more information. You could also consider a wormery. These produce a liquid soil fertilizer for your garden. Look at [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) and [www.wigglywiggles.co.uk](http://www.wigglywiggles.co.uk) for more details about wormeries. Food digesters and wormeries are available at [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com)

## L

### Leaves

If you have too many leaves for composting then you could make leaf mould. Tie leaves inside a bin liner (punch a few holes to allow air to circulate). Leave for a year. Then spread your leaf mould onto borders and vegetable patches to suppress weeds. Leaves are very slow to rot if dry, so collect them after it has rained or water them well before putting them in the bag.

## Light Bulbs

If you buy low energy light bulbs then these will last up to 12 times longer and will mean that you will need to throw less light bulbs away. They are available from most DIY and electrical retailers. Check if your electricity company will supply any free or reduced cost low energy bulbs to local people.

Do not put light bulbs into glass recycling banks.

If putting light bulbs into a household bin, remember to wrap them in paper first.

See also "Fluorescent Tubes".

## Linen

See "Textiles".

## M

### Magazines

These can be donated to doctors' and dentists' surgeries, hospitals, hairdressers and retirement homes.

Magazines can also be recycled in your kerbside bag/box or in any paper bank.

### Material

See "Textiles".

### Medicines

Medicines should not be disposed of down the toilet or sink. Return medicines/tablets to your pharmacist for safe disposal.

### Metals

Metal household items can be taken to Household Recycling Centres for recycling.

### Milk Bottles

Save packaging by having your milk delivered. This will mean that your bottles can be returned to the milkman and reused.

Dairy Crest, Shave Lane, Todbur, Sturminster Newton DT10 1JA. (01258) 820591 or [www.milkdeliveries.co.uk](http://www.milkdeliveries.co.uk)

See also "Plastics".

## Mobile Phones

You can return your unwanted mobile phone handsets and accessories directly to over 1200 retail outlets throughout the UK. Many charities will accept and recycle phones for you.

## N

### Nappies

8-9 million disposable nappies are thrown away every day in the U.K. alone. The plastic and chemical parts of a disposable nappy can take up to 500 years to decompose.

Modern washable nappies (also known as Real Nappies) are shaped like disposable nappies but can be machine-washed and use modern fasteners. Parents can make savings of up to £600 using Real Nappies. You can use Real Nappies with biodegradable liners, allowing solid waste to be flushed down the toilet. There are many different types of Real Nappies available now and local agents can help you to decide which ones would be best for you and your baby. See page 28 for further details.

### Newspapers

Many newspapers are available to read on the internet or in libraries for free. If you don't want to receive free newspapers, put a "No free newspapers" sticker on your door. (You can find one of these in Dorset's Waste Reduction Pack. See page 1 for details.) You can give newspapers to others to read, use it to protect surfaces whilst doing DIY projects and also use it for animal bedding or starting fires. Please note that most newspapers printed in the U.K. are now printed using inks of vegetable origin. They are therefore safe to go into your compost bins. If you can't reuse your papers please recycle them in your kerbside recycling bag/box or in any paper bank.

See also "Paper".

## O

### Oil

Waste cooking oil is problematic to dispose of. Do not pour oil down the drain, even with washing up liquid. The oil will solidify in the sewers and cause huge problems with rats, odour and blockages.

Mop up excess cooking oil/fat with a piece of bread and put out for the birds. Allow the fat to solidify and then transfer to an old tin and put in with your general rubbish. Leftover cooking oil can be used as a substitute for creosote. It is a good preservative, does not discolour wood and is safe to use near animals and plants.

Engine oil should not be poured down the drain. It will be accepted at Household Recycling Centres for safe disposal.

## P

### Packaging

Try to buy items with less packaging so you won't have to find ways of reusing it. You could also try to buy items which have packaging that can be recycled or composted. Buying from local shops (e.g. bakers, greengrocers) or markets can help you reduce packaging.

### Paint

Paint can be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

### Paintbrushes

Trim bristles of soft brushes to give them a second life.

### Paper

Remember it's important to buy recycled paper as well as recycle it.

Only use as much paper as you need and try not to print something unless it is really necessary. Print and photocopy on two sides where possible. Collect scrap A4 plain paper that has only been printed on one side. This can be used for printing off rough drafts, emails and website information, when necessary, from your computer. Alternatively children can use the blank side for drawing and colouring.

Paper can also be composted. Remember to scrunch it up.

Paper can be recycled in your kerbside recycling bag or in any paper bank.

### Petrol and Diesel

See "Car and Car Spares"

### Plastics

Choose goods without excessive plastic packaging wherever possible.

You can reuse plastic bottles for storing drinks in. You can also cut them in half and put around young plants to protect them. Plastic empty food containers (e.g. ice cream tubs) can be reused for food storage.

Other plastic containers can be used as drip trays under plant pots and seed trays (if you punch holes in the bottom) or you can make them into bird feeders.

Dorset local authorities only recycle plastic bottles. This is because there are many different types of plastic. Although a good market exists for plastic bottles, markets for mixed plastics (e.g. margarine tubs and yoghurt pots) are extremely limited. Plastic bottles can be placed in your kerbside recycling box and in all plastic recycling banks. Remember to remove bottle tops and to wash and squash the bottles.

See also "Bottle Tops", "Carrier Bags" and "Cleaning Products".

### **Printer Cartridges**

Many charities will accept and recycle printer cartridges. You could also use a telephone directory to find a local business in your area that will refill your cartridge for you.

### **Pyrex Glass**

Pyrex glass is excluded from glass recycling banks because it can't be recycled in the normal recycling process. Reuse if at all possible or donate to a charity shop if in good condition.

If the glass is broken then remember to wrap it in paper before disposing of it in your black sack or blue bin.

## **R**

### **Rags**

Use as dusters.

### **Rubble and Hardcore**

See "Building Materials".

## **S**

### **Seed Trays**

Instead of buying plants, you can reuse your seed trays to grow your own.

### **Sewing Machines**

Donate to "Tools for Self Reliance". Machines must have a long time span ahead. They need round-bobbin Singer hand and treadle sewing machines and fully workable modern electric sewing machines. Unfortunately shuttle, boat bobbin and non-Singer manual sewing machines cannot be accepted. See [www.tfsr.org](http://www.tfsr.org) for further details. Your local contacts are Bernard Culver in Shaftesbury (01747) 852810 or Terry Townsend in Sturminster Newton (01258) 471390.

### **Sheds**

You could offer these to your local allotments.

See also "Wood".

### **Sheets**

See "Bedding".

### **Shoes and Boots**

These must be clean and in good condition if donating to charity shops. You can put shoes and boots into textile banks at recycling centres. Remember to tie them in pairs.

### **Stamps**

You need to leave a 1/2 inch border around the edge of the stamp when cutting or tearing it from an envelope. Stamps are accepted at most charity shops. You can also send them to RSPB stamps PO Box 6198, Leighton Buzzard, Beds LU7 9XT.

## **T**

### **Tea Bags**

Put in your compost bin or your brown bin, if you have one.

### **Telephone Directories**

See "Directories" and "Yellow Pages".

## Televisions and Videos

These can be donated to charity shops and furniture reuse centres. They can also be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

See also "Electrical Items".

## Textiles

These can be donated to charity shops or furniture reuse centres or placed in textile banks at recycling centres. Textiles must be clean and in good condition if donated.

## Toilet Rolls

The cardboard tube of toilet rolls are good for composting because they create air pockets and provide structure. They can also be put in your brown bin, if you have one.

See also "Kitchen Rolls".

## Tools

Donate to "Tools for Self-Reliance". Tools need to have a good life span left in them. They need woodworking, blacksmithing, carpentry, metalwork and leatherworking tools. Unfortunately garden tools, imperial sized tools, domestic electric tools and hardpoint saws cannot be accepted. See [www.tfsr.org](http://www.tfsr.org) for further details. Your local contacts are Bernard Culver in Shaftesbury (01747) 852810 or Terry Townsend in Sturminster Newton (01258) 471390.

## Toothbrushes

Old toothbrushes can be used for cleaning shoes or awkward cleaning jobs.

## Towels

See "Textiles".

## Toys and Games

TREATS – This is a toy and resource library based at Bere Regis. They would be grateful for any donations of toys and games. Any items must be clean and in good condition. You can also become a member of TREATS, then hire toys and games at very reasonable rates. TREATS are able to pick up and drop off items from specific points around Dorset. Contact (01929) 472937 or email [treatstoylibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:treatstoylibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk) or

look at [www.dorsetforyou.com/treatstoylibrary](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/treatstoylibrary) for further details. Toys and games can also be donated to charity shops or sold at car boot sales.

## Tyres

Your tyres will last longer if you drive carefully and regularly check your tyre pressure is correct. When you purchase new tyres see if the garage will take the old ones. Sometimes they charge less if you are able to part-exchange a used tyre.

Old tyres can be used as containers for garden plants. Trailing plants will hide the tyres. They can also be used to make swings.

Tyres are accepted at Household Recycling Centres.

## V

### Vending Cups

Try to use glasses and crockery rather than vending cups where possible.

Put a small hole at the bottom and use for growing seedlings and small plants.

The Remarkable company makes pens and pencils from vending cups. The Save-a-Cup recycling scheme collects 4 million of these every week from 2,000 member companies. See [www.remarkable.co.uk](http://www.remarkable.co.uk) and [www.save-a-cup.co.uk](http://www.save-a-cup.co.uk) for more details.

## Videos

Pre-recorded cassettes can be donated to charity shops. Home-recorded cassettes are not accepted, due to copyright restrictions.

## W

### Wallpaper

Use pieces of old wallpaper to line drawers.

### Washing Machines

See "Bulky Household Items" and "Electrical Items".

## Water Cartridge Filters

To recycle your used Brita cartridges send them to Brita Care Recycling, Freepost, NAT 17876, Bicester, OX26 4BR. Phone (0870) 4871000 or visit [www.brita.co.uk](http://www.brita.co.uk) for further details. The company will only accept Brita Cartridges and prefer you, if possible, to send 6 at one time.

## Wood

Look for a local architectural salvage company. These can supply floorboards, window and door frames, doors and even staircases. Check with [www.salvo.co.uk](http://www.salvo.co.uk) for your nearest centre.

Wooden pallets are useful for making compost bins.

If you have unwanted wooden furniture that is still in good condition, contact one of the furniture reuse organisations.

Your local Household Recycling Centre site accepts unwanted timber. Wood that is not in good enough condition to be reused as reclaimed timber is recycled into mulch, chipboard and Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF).

## Wool

See also "Clothing".

## Wrapping Paper

If you take care when unwrapping a parcel, then you can reuse the wrapping paper. Wrapping paper can be recycled in your kerbside recycling bag and all paper banks. Please remove all ribbons, tags etc before recycling.

## Y

### Yellow Pages

If you do not need a new Yellow Pages call (0800) 671444 to have your details removed from the distribution list. You may wish to access the Internet ([www.yell.com](http://www.yell.com)) instead of receiving a hard copy.

Every year North Dorset District Council organise special recycling banks for the collection of old Yellow Pages between November and January. You can also put them in your kerbside recycling box/bag.

## Yoghurt Pots

These can be used to grow seedlings.

See also "Plastics".

## Z

### Zips

These can often be taken out of old clothes to be used again.

## Libraries in North Dorset

Your local library has many other things available to borrow as well as books e.g. CD's, DVD's, videos, ordnance survey maps, sheet music. This saves on you having to throw packaging away from new products and also saves you money! You may have to pay a small amount for certain things.

### Blandford Library

The Tabernacle, Blandford  
Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 7DW  
Tel: (01258) 452075  
[blandfordlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:blandfordlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### Stalbridge Library

Station Road, Stalbridge  
Dorset DT10 2RG  
Tel: (01963) 362142  
[stalbridgelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:stalbridgelibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### Gillingham Library

Chantry Fields, Gillingham  
Dorset SP8 4UA  
Tel: (01747) 822180  
[gillinghamlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:gillinghamlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### Sturminster Newton Library

Bath Rd, Sturminster Newton  
Dorset DT10 1DR  
Tel: (01258) 472669  
[sturminsterlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:sturminsterlibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### Shaftesbury Library

Bell St, Shaftesbury  
Dorset SP7 8AE  
Tel: (01747) 852256  
[shaftesburylibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:shaftesburylibrary@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

## Charity Shops in North Dorset

Please note that items that you donate must be clean and in good condition. Charity shops request that you do not leave bags outside the door when the shop is closed. Many charity shops are unable to accept electrical items and if you have such items for disposal it's best to contact them first.

### Blandford Forum

#### Age Concern

73, East St, Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 7DX  
Tel: (01258) 451522

#### The Friends of Blandford

##### Hospital

Unit 1 Barnack Walk  
Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 7AW  
Tel: (01258) 458390

#### Julia's House Charity Shop

33, Salisbury St, Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 7AU  
Tel: (01258) 459277

#### Oxfam (books and music only)

30b, Salisbury St, Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 7AR  
Tel: (01258) 455111

### Gillingham

#### Weldmar Hospicecare Trust

1-2, The Parade, Gillingham  
Dorset SP8 4BP  
Tel: (01747) 824051

#### SCOPE

High St, Gillingham  
Dorset SP8 4AA  
Tel: (01747) 822825

#### Positive Approach

2 Tabernacle Walk  
Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 7AR  
Tel: (01258) 488560

#### Sue Ryder Care

37, East St, Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 7DU  
Tel: (01258) 453077

#### Your Choice

43a East Street,  
Blandford Forum  
Dorset DT11 1DX  
Tel: (01258) 488702

#### Sue Ryder Care

High St, Gillingham  
Dorset SP8 4AA  
Tel: (01747) 826637

### Shaftesbury

#### Age Concern

47, High St, Shaftesbury  
Dorset SP7 8JE  
Tel: (01747) 851644

#### Cancer Research UK

22-24, High St, Shaftesbury  
Dorset SP7 8JG  
Tel: (01747) 855328

### Sturminster Newton

#### The Friends of Blandford Hospital

Innes Court, Station Rd  
Sturminster Newton  
Dorset DT10 1BB  
Tel: (01258) 471245

#### Help the Aged

27a, High St, Shaftesbury  
Dorset SP7 8JE  
Tel: (01747) 855520

#### Oxfam

19, High St, Shaftesbury  
Dorset SP7 8JS  
Tel: (01747) 854636

#### The Fiveways Charity Shop

2 The Parade,  
Station Road  
Sturminster Newton  
Dorset DT10 1BA  
Tel: (01258) 471665

## Furniture Reuse Centres in North Dorset

These accept furniture, electrical appliances, small household items, soft furnishings and textiles. The furniture must comply with fire and safety regulations. They will collect your items for free. These items are usually then sold onto people on low incomes. Please make sure that any items are clean and in good condition.

Your Choice Furniture Recycling Project  
Unit 9 Richmar Trading, Butts Pond, Dorset, DT10 1AZ  
<http://www.yourchoiceplus.co.uk>  
Tel: 01258 471665

Your Choice's associated charity, WISH (Wessex Independent Self Help) will chip any wooden furniture that cannot be sold.

## Local "Veggie Box" Delivery Schemes in North Dorset

These schemes will deliver locally sourced produce to your door.

### Riverford Organic Vegetables Limited

Local contact : Steve and Christine Millar  
[steveandchristine@riverhomedelivery.co.uk](mailto:steveandchristine@riverhomedelivery.co.uk)

Contact The Soil Association (0117 3145000) or look at [www.whyorganic.org](http://www.whyorganic.org) to find new schemes in North Dorset.

## Real Nappy Contacts

### Lollipop

This organisation has a network of local advisors who give demonstrations, advice and can sell a wide range of different nappy systems in your home. For details of your nearest advisor, contact:- (01736) 799512 [www.teamlollipop.co.uk](http://www.teamlollipop.co.uk)

### Nappy Lady

This organisation has a network of local advisors who give demonstrations, advice and can sell a wide range of different nappy systems in your home. For details of your nearest advisor, contact:- (0845) 652 6532 [www.thenappylady.co.uk](http://www.thenappylady.co.uk)

## Nifty Nappies

This company provides a nappy laundry service to many parts of North Dorset.  
(01935) 848623 [www.nifty-nappies.co.uk](http://www.nifty-nappies.co.uk)

You can buy Real Nappies at branches of Boots, Mothercare, Sainsbury and Waitrose and internet sites including e-bay.

## Markets in North Dorset

### Blandford

Farmers Market (Corn Exchange)	2nd Friday	9am – 1pm
Blandford Forum Market	Thursdays and Saturdays	

### Gillingham

Farmers Market (Methodist Chapel)	4th Saturday	9am – 1pm
WI (Methodist Hall, High Street)	Friday	9.30am - 11am

### Shaftesbury

Market	Thursdays	
WI (Town Hall)	Thursday	10am - 12 noon
Farmers Market (Town Hall)	1st Saturday	9am – 1pm

### Sturminster Newton

Farmers Market (Royal British Legion)	4th Friday	10am – 11.30am
WI (Royal British Legion)	Monday	9.15am – 12 noon

## Local Reuse Networks

This is a network that you can join. You can advertise items that you no longer want on the site and people contact you if they want it. Items cannot be charged for! It would be worth checking the sites, even if you don't think there's a group local to you, as new groups are being set up all the time.

[www.recycle4free.com](http://www.recycle4free.com) (there are Blandford, Shaftesbury and Sturminster Newton groups)

[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org) (there is North Dorset group).

## Household Recycling Centres

You can recycle the following materials at your local Household Recycling Centre.

Glass bottles	Fluorescent tubes
Wood	Green waste
Batteries	Paint
Cans and tins	Oil
Metal	Car batteries
Plastic bottles	Fridges and freezers
Rubble and hardcore	Paper
Cardboard	Textiles

## Household Recycling Centres in and near North Dorset

### Blandford Waste Management Centre

Shaftesbury Lane  
Blandford  
DT11 7EG  
Tel: (01258) 456493

### Sherborne Waste Management Centre

West Mill Lane  
Sherborne  
DT9 6EE  
Tel: (01935) 815809

### Shaftesbury Waste Management Centre

Wincombe Business Park  
Warminster Road  
Shaftesbury SP7 9QJ  
Tel: (01747) 852321

Opening times for all sites:-

Winter (1st Nov to 31st March) 9am - 5pm  
Summer (1st April to 31st October) 9am - 6pm  
Closed: Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day

**Please bear in mind that you will not be permitted to enter the site with a trailer over 6ft x 4ft (1.83m x 1.22m) and there are restrictions on the use of vans and pickups. Some privately operated vans may be eligible for a residential permit.**

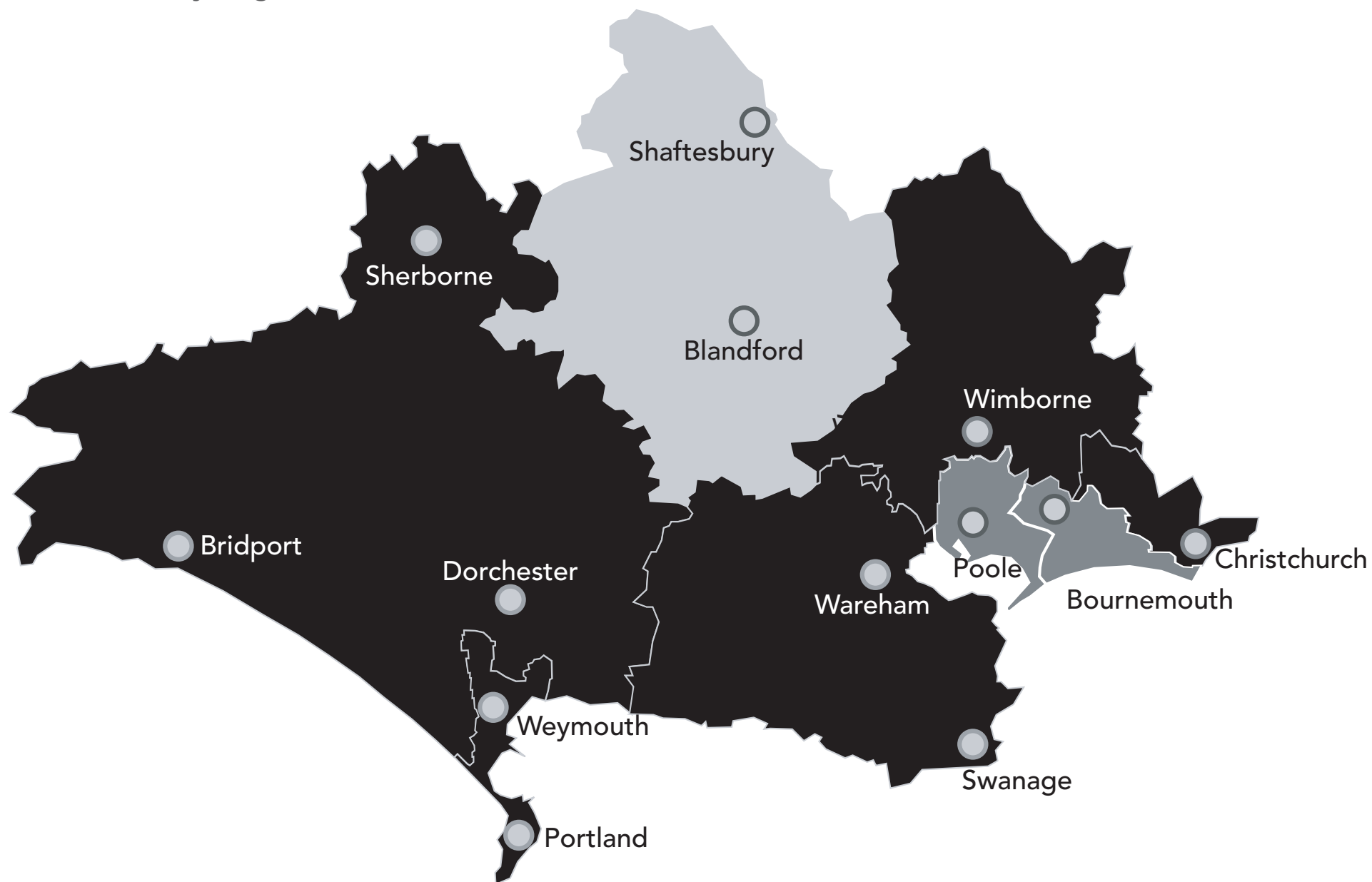
Please see [www.dorsetforyou.com](http://www.dorsetforyou.com) for more details.

Area	Recycling Centre	Glass	Paper	Cans, Tins & Aerosols	Plastic Bottles	Textiles	Aluminium Foil	Books	Shoes
Blandford	Barnes Homes, Kings Road		*						
Blandford Camp	Go-Kart Track, Gunville Down Rd	*	*	*					
Blandford Camp	Officers Mess, Mudros Road	*	*	*					
Blandford Camp	Public House, off Nelson Road	*		*					
Blandford Camp	School, College Road		*						
Blandford Camp	Sergeants Mess	*	*	*					
Blandford	Chestnut House, East Street		*						
Blandford	Crown Hotel	*	*	*					
Blandford	Langton Road Car Park nr Somerfields	*	*	*	*				
Blandford	Larksmead Playing Fields Car Park	*	*	*					
Blandford	Marsh & Ham Car Park	*	*	*	*	*			
Blandford	North Dorset District Council Offices	*	*	*					
Blandford	Ryan Court, Whitecliff Mill Street		*						
Blandford	St Leonards Terrace, off Kings Rd	*	*	*					
Blandford	Tesco, Blandford St Mary	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blandford	Whitecliff Surgery, Whitecliff Mill St		*						
Bourton	Doctor's Surgery, Silton Road	*	*	*					
Bryanston	School, by porters office	*	*	*					
Bryanston	State Club, Bryanston Village	*	*	*					
Buckhorn Weston	Stapleton Arms Public House	*	*	*					
Charlton Marshall	Charlton Inn, A350	*	*	*					
Chettle	Village Hall	*	*	*					
Child Okeford	Hayward Lane next to School	*	*	*					
Durweston	Knighton House School		*	*					

Area	Recycling Centre	Glass	Paper	Cans, Tins & Aerosols	Plastic Bottles	Textiles	Aluminium Foil	Books	Shoes
East Stour	Village Hall, Back Street	*	*	*					
Gillingham	Chantry Fields car pk, rear of library	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Gillingham	The Dolphin Public House	*	*	*					
Gillingham	Football Club, Hardings Lane	*		*					
Gillingham	High Street Car Park	*	*	*					
Gillingham	Legends Nightclub	*							
Gillingham	Territorial Army/ Bones Youth Club			*					
Gillingham	Thorn Grove Garden Centre, Broad Robin	*	*	*					
Glanvilles Wootton	Village Hall	*	*	*					
Guys Marsh	The Prison Car Park	*	*	*	*				
Hazelbury Bryan	The Antelope Public House	*	*	*					
Kington Magna	Bus Stop opposite Pill Meadow	*	*	*					
Manston	The Plough Inn	*	*	*					
Marnhull	The Crown Public House	*	*	*					
Milborne St Andrew	Royal Oak Public House	*	*	*					
Milton Abbas	Catherine's Well Doctors Surgery	*	*	*					
Milton Abbas	School	*	*	*					
Milton on Stour	Post Office Car Park	*	*	*					
Motcombe	Copperidge Inn	*	*	*					
Motcombe	The Royal Oak Public House	*	*	*					
Okeford Fitzpaine	Recreation Ground & Football Club	*	*	*					
Pimperne	Farqharson Arms Public House	*	*	*					
Pimperne	Village Hall	*	*	*					

Area	Recycling Centre	Glass	Paper	Cans, Tins & Aerosols	Plastic Bottles	Textiles	Aluminium Foil	Books	Shoes
Pulham	Village Hall	*	*	*					
Shaftesbury	Bell Street Car Park	*	*	*			*		
Shaftesbury	Half Moon Pub, Salisbury Road	*	*	*					
Shaftesbury	Home Farris, Victoria Street		*						
Shaftesbury	Shaston Social Club, Bleke Street	*		*					
Shaftesbury	Tescos Car Park	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Shaftesbury	Westminster Hospital, Abbey Walk	*	*	*					
Shaftesbury	Wimcombe Centre		*						
Shroton	The Old Rectory	*	*	*					
Spetisbury	Drax Arms Public House	*	*	*					
Stalbridge	Spring Fields/Larks Meadow	*	*	*					
Stalbridge	Station Road Car Park	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Stourton Cundle	Brimble Cottages	*	*	*					
Sturminster Newton	British Legion, Bath Road	*	*	*					
Sturminster Newton	Honeymead Lane, near Leisure Centre	*	*	*					
Sturminster Newton	Station Road Car Park	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Tarrant Monkton	Langton Arms Car Park	*	*	*					
Tarrant Rushton	Ashely Wood Golf Club	*	*	*					
Thornicombe	Gorcombe Farm	*							
West Stour	Garage on A30 opp Ship Inn	*	*	*					
Winterborne Stickland	Playing Fields	*	*	*					
Winterborne Whitechurch	Village Hall	*	*	*					
Winterborne Zelston	Botany Bay Public House	*							

## Household Recycling Centres in Dorset



## Useful National Websites

Aerosol recycling	<a href="http://www.bama.co.uk">www.bama.co.uk</a>
Aluminium can recycling	<a href="http://www.alcan.org">www.alcan.org</a>
Children's recycling	<a href="http://www.ollierecycles.com">www.ollierecycles.com</a>
Community Re-Paint	<a href="http://www.communityrepaint.org.uk">www.communityrepaint.org.uk</a>
Community REcycling Network	<a href="http://www.crn.org.uk">www.crn.org.uk</a>
Composting	<a href="http://www.compost.org.uk">www.compost.org.uk</a>
	<a href="http://www.recyclenow.com/compost">www.recyclenow.com/compost</a>
	<a href="http://www.communitycompost.org">www.communitycompost.org</a>
Environment Agency	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk">www.environment-agency.gov.uk</a>
Environmental Campaigns	<a href="http://www.encams.org">www.encams.org</a>
Envocare	<a href="http://www.envocare.org">www.envocare.org</a>
Friends of the Earth	<a href="http://www.foe.co.uk">www.foe.co.uk</a>
Furniture Re-use Network	<a href="http://www.crn.co.uk">www.crn.co.uk</a>
Glass Recycling	<a href="http://www.britglass.co.uk">www.britglass.co.uk</a>
Government	<a href="http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment">www.defra.gov.uk/environment</a>
Green Alliance	<a href="http://www.green-alliance.org.uk">www.green-alliance.org.uk</a>
Green Choices	<a href="http://www.greenchoices.org">www.greenchoices.org</a>
Greenpeace	<a href="http://www.greenpeace.org">www.greenpeace.org</a>
Lets Recycling Information Service	<a href="http://www.letsrecycle.com">www.letsrecycle.com</a>
National Household Hazardous Waste Forum	<a href="http://www.nhhwf.org.uk">www.nhhwf.org.uk</a>
Packaging	<a href="http://www.incpen.org">www.incpen.org</a>
Plastics	<a href="http://www.bpf.co.uk">www.bpf.co.uk</a>
Plastics recycling	<a href="http://www.recoup.org">www.recoup.org</a>
Pulp and Paper Information	<a href="http://www.paperonweb.com">www.paperonweb.com</a>
Real Nappy Information	<a href="http://www.realnappycampaign.com">www.realnappycampaign.com</a>
Recycle More	<a href="http://www.recyclemore.org">www.recyclemore.org</a>
Recycling information	<a href="http://www.wastewatch.org.uk">www.wastewatch.org.uk</a>
	<a href="http://www.recyclenow.com">www.recyclenow.com</a>
Salvage operators	<a href="http://www.salvo.co.uk">www.salvo.co.uk</a>
Steel Can recycling	<a href="http://www.scrib.org">www.scrib.org</a>
Waste & Resources Action Programme	<a href="http://www.wrap.org.uk">www.wrap.org.uk</a>
Women's Environmental Network	<a href="http://www.wen.org.uk">www.wen.org.uk</a>