



Boston Spa, Wetherby & Villages Community Green Group

A²Z

of reducing waste and improving our recycling?

We all have a challenge to reduce the amount we buy, so next time,
think before you buy new,

Do you need it? Can you buy locally and seasonally (eg fruit & veg)?

Can you borrow it (eg tools)? Can you buy preloved from Charity shops?

Did you know?

The second-hand economy of 'preloved' goods is bigger in Britain than in any other developed country; generating more than £700m in sales and helping high-streets survive. **So, please don't forget our local Charity & Hospice shops.**

Here's our **A²Z** of what, how & where you can recycle in our area.

We hope to continue to add to this list, so keep checking for updates.

There is additional information here <https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with>

B

Baby Food Pouches (*Little Freddie*); Sainsbury's Harrogate have freepost envelopes or request online at (<https://www.littlefreddie.com/en-gb/contact/>).

Batteries; as well as normal batteries, also watch 'button' batteries, battery packs from laptops, mobile phones, power tools and remote control units.

Morrisons, Aldi, Douglas Yeadons (Boston Spa), Bramham School, St Marys School & Scholes Primary School, or by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Beds & mattresses; <https://www.collectyouroldbed.com/>

Biscuits, crackers and cake wrappers (*empty & flat*)

Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45)

Bread bags empty them & pop in your green bin (if in LCC area)
or Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45)

Butter and margarine tubs, clean them & pop in your green bin (if in LCC area)

C

Candles, watch this space, coming soon to Boston Spa!

Car batteries, household waste recycling sites

<https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/car-batteries-1>

Cartons (*Tetra Paks*) - juice cartons, plant/UHT milk cartons, custard cartons, tomato cartons, clean them & pop in your green bin (if in LCC area)

Clothing, charities & clothes banks

(<https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/clothing-textiles-0>)

– we have one at Deepdale Community Centre

& Wetherby 'Cluster of nuts' car park.

M&S clothes at Oxfam (Wetherby) & receive a £5 M&S voucher

(<https://www.oxfam.org.uk/donate/donate-goods/mands-and-oxfam-shwopping>)

or by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

or repair/reuse (<https://www.loveyourclothes.org.uk/care-repair>)

Clothing (*no longer fit to wear*) Save the Children & Oxfam, Wetherby.

Please clearly label the bag as rags.

Coat hangers, return to shop or by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Coffee cups (*'normal' single use*), household waste recycling sites or by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Coffee pods (*metal and plastic*), by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

or at St Nicks, York (Tassimo. L'Or & Kenco)

<https://stnicks.org.uk/make-a-difference/our-recycling-service/support-us-by-recycling-more/>

Compostable packaging (*Vegware*) home compost or by post

<https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Confectionery wrappers (*empty & flat*) Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45)

Contact lenses (*soft*), blister packs and foil covers they come in are collected by Cameron & Beaumont opticians & Boots in Wetherby.

Corks, by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/> or if natural cork home compost.

Creams/moisturisers (*plastic flexible packaging only*),

lip balms/sticks and mascara Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45)

Crisp packets (*empty & flat*), Douglas Yeadon's (Boston Spa), Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45) & Bardsey Primary School.

D

Duvets (synthetic) & blankets,

The Dogs Trust on A64 or Revive <http://www.reviveleeds.co.uk/>

E

Ecobricks! Douglas Yeadon's. Boston Spa)

What are ecobricks? See <https://www.ecobricks.org/what/>

Electronics (wires, cables & plugs, IT & telecommunications equipment, laptops... by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/> or <https://www.cashinyourgadgets.co.uk/>

F

Furniture, small (eg bedside cabinets, coffee tables) Save the Children, Wetherby.

Furniture, large (upholstered must have fire reg labels on),

Martin House, Thorp Arch (can collect, but there is a 3-week lead-time).

G

Glass bottles/jars (*not in your green LCC bin!*) Deepdale Community Pre-School, Boston Spa or find your nearest using <https://www.recycle-more.co.uk/bank-locator>

Glasses, Specsavers, and/or Cameron Beaumont, Wetherby

I

Ice cream tubs, clean them & pop in your green bin (if in LCC area)

Inhalers, collected by Boots (Wetherby), & Cohens (Boston Spa)

K

Kitchen food scraps (uncooked); home compost or <https://sharewaste.com/>

M

Mobile phones, up to 80% is recyclable,

so don't send it to landfill or leave it in the drawer - recycle at phone shops, charities, <https://uk.freecycle.org/> and <https://www.ilovefreegle.org/>.

Or sell them on eBay, Gumtree, Facebook marketplace, Cash Converters and CeX. Or most household waste and recycling centres ("small electricals").

P

Paint, recycled at <http://www.seagullsreuse.org.uk/>

Pens, felt tips, markers & highlighters, Joon (Boston Spa), Douglas Yeadons (Boston Spa), Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45) & Bardsey Primary School.

Pet food pouches (cleaned and dried) at Westwood Vets, Boston Spa

Popcorn & pretzels packets (*empty & flat*) Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45)

Postage stamps (leave min 0.5cm around edge), Bramham School.

Pringles tubes (*not* other brands) Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45)

Printer cartridges, *old style only* (have copper strip on) by post (<https://www.emptiesplease.com/bag-requests/>) or to raise money at Bramham School. Check which ones <https://www.emptiesplease.com/>, & Scholes Primary School

S

School uniforms (preloved). Schools generally sell within parent community.

Scrap fabrics, paper, buttons, sacks, boxes etc; Cone Exchange, Harrogate <https://www.coneexchange.org/about-us/>

Shoes, charities & clothes banks (<https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with/clothing-textiles-0>), or by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Small electricals eg toasters, kettles, microwaves (must be PA tested); Save the Children, Wetherby (underneath Ask Italian next to bus station) or, Martin House, Thorp Arch. Or most household waste and recycling centres ("small electricals").

Stationery, by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Sweet and chocolate tubs, clean them & pop in your green bin (if in LCC area)

T

Toners, (*branded only*) Bramham School, check which ones <https://www.emptiesplease.com/>, Douglas Yeadons or by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Toothpaste tubes & brushes (*empty & flat*) Bramham School lobby (9.15 – 14.45), Douglas Yeadons (Boston Spa), Phoenix Hair, & Scholes Primary School.

W

Water filters (*Brita only*), Douglas Yeadons (Boston Spa).

Wellington boots (*Hunter only*), by post <https://recyclebox.co.uk/>

Y

Yoghurt pots, and cream/sour cream pots, clean them & pop in your green bin (if in LCC area)

Further guidance on plastic recycling;

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/plastic-recycling>

And, if you are really struggling!

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/get-rid-of-unwanted-items>

or if we haven't answered your questions

<https://www.recyclenow.com/what-to-do-with>

Imagine, if all the above was diverted from landfill or incineration!?

Other handy hints from Leeds City Council (LCC).

Please **don't put any black or brown plastics in your green bin!**

And please **make sure that the plastic has no food residue on it.**

Need a bin fixing? get in touch with bin.deliveries@leeds.gov.uk

Want an extra green bin?

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/new-or-replacement-bin>

or just reduce what you buy in packaging.

Want to try home composting?

buy a bin here; <https://getcomposting.com/profile/login>

Here's some composting tips...

<https://singleusealternatives.co.uk/our-guide-to-home-composting/>