

Reuse and Recycling in Norfolk

Norfolk currently recycles 43.4% of its waste through recycling centres, recycling bin collections and community recycling schemes. However, there is still over 200,000 tonnes of waste generated by households in Norfolk that is not recycled. Find out more about [what happens to your waste and recycling](#). The articles below are full of ideas to improve recycling and reuse in your community and tips to share with your residents.

Claim recycling credits for your community



Over 450 community groups in Norfolk, including 84 parish councils, claim recycling credits for recycling banks and schemes they operate in their own community. Norfolk County Council pays recycling credits at the rate of £62.17 per tonne of waste recycled. Together groups recycle an impressive 3000 tonnes of waste each year raising £180,000. [Find how to start or expand your community recycling scheme and register to claim recycling credits here.](#)

Promote reuse and repair in your local area



- **Reuse shops** are expanding across the county with 5 new shops opening in 2019 bringing the total to 14 reuse shops based at Recycling Centres in Norfolk. Reuse shops sell a wide range of second-hand items at

car boot sale prices. [Find your nearest reuse shop](#) and dig out a bargain! (Shops are temporarily closed due to the second national lockdown.)

- **Community “give and take” reuse events** have proved popular giving people the opportunity to reuse unwanted items and pick up fantastic reused goods. Find out how to [plan your reuse event](#) for the future when national restrictions permit.
- **Promote your local Repair, Reuse and Recycling options with Bin Genie.** Norfolk has a large network of recycling, reuse and repair facilities including charity shops and recycling banks. To find your most convenient and environmentally friendly option use our recycling locator [Bin Genie](#).



Christmas recycling top tips

Did you know, we throw away around 30% more rubbish at Christmas? The good news is, there are lots of things we can all do to help to reduce this:

- Take the Scrunch Test and scrunch your **wrapping paper** in your hand. If it stays scrunched, it can go in your recycling bin but if it bounces back, it may contain plastic film which can't be recycled and needs to go in the rubbish bin. If wrapping paper has glitter on it or lots of tape in cannot be recycled.
- **Christmas cards** with no glitter on can also be recycled. Why not reuse glittery cards to make present tags or bunting. [Check the full list of what can and can't go in your recycling bin here](#)
- **Christmas trees, Christmas lights, electrical items and batteries** can all be recycled at recycling centres free of charge. Check the [full list of what you can take to Norfolk's 20 Recycling Centres](#).
- Find the latest seasonal leftover recipe ideas, and tips on cutting down on food waste at the [food savvy website](#). **Top tip** – "Many Christmas leftovers can be frozen including hard cheeses, milk, and bread".
- Compost your **sprout peelings**, along with other festive fruit and veg, see the [latest composting offers and advice here](#).



Family activities and poster competition time

Download the [Christmas recycling activity](#) sheet aimed at children and their families. By completing the challenges, families can pick up lots of top tips about how to waste less over this festive period.

Win an eco-hamper and craft goodies by creating an eye-catching poster with a 'top tip' that will help others to waste less and recycle more this Christmas.

Closing date: 14th December 2020. Open to all Norfolk residents. Please email a photo/copy of your entry to waste.managment@norfolk.gov.uk and see [terms & conditions here](#).

Recycling Centres Update

Norfolk's Recycling Centre's will remain open during the national lockdown starting on November 5th with social distancing measures in place. However, the Reuse Shops based at Recycling Centres will temporarily close. Please see the [latest update on the Recycling Centre service during the Corona Virus Pandemic here](#).
