DID YOU KNOW?

Almost everything we do as a society creates waste. As Cardiff’s population grows, sending the increasing amount of waste for incineration, at the energy from waste plant is not the best solution. In fact, most of our waste is not waste at all, but valuable materials that can be recycled into new goods, which is good for the environment and the economy. Also if we don’t meet the recycling targets set by the Welsh government, the council will be heavily fined.

The average family in Wales throws away around £50 worth of food that is bought but not eaten each month.

Recycling aluminium drink cans saves up to 95% of the energy needed to make aluminium from its raw materials.

The Welsh Government has set a policy that we need to be recycling 70% of our waste by 2025.

WHAT THE COUNCIL IS DOING

The City of Cardiff Council is committed to increasing the amount of waste being recycled and composted. It has a large, partially automated recyclable sorting facility at Lamby Way and depots for collecting recyclables across the city. In 2013/14, 50% of waste collected in Cardiff was either recycled or composted.

The council runs curbside collection services for mixed recycling (paper, plastic, glass and metal) and organic waste (kitchen scraps and garden waste). There are household waste recycling centers around the city where many other materials can be taken for recycling.

Further information

www.cardiff.gov.uk/waste
www.gumtree.com/cardiff
www.freegle.org.uk
www.mpsonline.org.uk

www.recyclenow.com
wales.lovefoodhatewaste.com/
www.recycle-more.co.uk
www.track2000.org.uk
www.keepwalestidy.org
www.re-create.co.uk
SOME SIMPLE TIPS TO HELP...

- The saying ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’ neatly sums up the best way to think about our waste.

- Reduce! Reduce the amount of waste that you produce. Think about buying goods with little or no packaging and take your own shopping bags with you to the shop to avoid using new ones.

- Avoid disposable products, particularly nappies.

- Buy quality goods that will last, or wait until the goods that you do have no longer perform the functions that you need. Don’t be fooled into buying the latest model as it may not do any more significant functions that the present one, which wastes your money as well as the replaced goods.

- Choose paperless options for banking, bills etc. You can also avoid unwanted junk mail being sent to your home by joining the Mail Preference Service.

- Reuse! Sell or give away items you no longer require – somebody else may be very glad of them. There are numerous charities which sell second hand stuff through their shops and some collect larger items of furniture. To give things away to other people; try Cardiff Freecycle and Cardiff Freegle. To sell things locally try Cardiff Gumtree.

- Repairing items rather than replacing them can save money, as can buying second hand goods rather than new ones.

- Everybody likes a new outfit to wear, a fun a free way to do this is to have a clothes swap with your friends.

- Recycle! Use the Councils facilities to recycle any remaining waste you can. Mixed recycling and food waste is collected from outside Cardiff households every week through curbside collections. Many things that are not collected curbside can be recycled at the Councils recycling depots. To find out what to recycle where, check the Waste Management webpage or phone C2C on 029 2087 2087.

- Make or buy a compost bin or wormery so that you can turn your organic waste into useful compost.

- Buy Recycled goods. This will create a market for the goods to help to reduce the amount of waste produced and energy expended in manufacture.

Waste is a theme of the One Planet Cardiff vision for the city. For more information on One Planet Cardiff see www.oneplanetcardiff.co.uk