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INTRODUCTION

The Scale of the Problem

Each year Runnymede households produce almost 30,000 tonnes of waste. This is 0.9t per household per year. Of this tonnage, about 90% goes into huge holes in the ground called landfill sites. Landfill eats up space and rotting waste can pollute ground water supplies and produce gases that are responsible for global warming. The quantity of waste we produce keeps rising and this costs taxpayers. Often waste that is being dumped can be re-used or recycled: at least 50% of dustbin contents is recyclable and another 20% is made up of compostable organic material. Only 5% of dustbin contents are recycled at present. Disposing of this type of rubbish is a waste of resources, energy and money.

Kerbside Recycling



In February 2003 Runnymede Borough Council, in partnership with Cheshire Recycling, introduced a weekly kerbside collection throughout the Borough. Most residents were given a blue box for glass jars and bottles as well as tin and aluminium cans. They were also given two bags, a blue one for newspapers, magazines and junk mail, and a black bag for textiles. Householders put the bags and box out for collection on the appropriate day for their area and the recyclables are sorted straight onto the customised trucks by trained operatives.

If you require further information regarding the kerbside recycling system, or if you require a box and bags, please ring Maureen Chambers, the Recycling Officer, on 0800 052 0067 to discuss the matter.

- 11) Use refillable products around the house, e.g. detergents, herbs and spices, to save on packaging.
- 12) Re-use quality paper printed on one side only. Cut it up and use as scrap pads. Use a sticky label to re-address and re-use envelopes.
- 13) Use torn/stained cotton clothing for rags/polishing cloths. Wash and mend good old clothes and take them to local charity shops or your nearest textile banks.
- 14) Keep useful materials for your children's school craft projects.
- 15) Car share when travelling to work. Try to walk, cycle or use public transport whenever possible.
- 16) Be energy efficient! Switch off lights when not needed and use time switches to save electricity, and use long life, low energy bulbs where possible. Ensure that your home is well insulated and draught proofed to save energy.

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