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## WASTE INFORMATION PACK.

TOP TIPS ON HOW TO CORRECTLY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND LARGE WASTE ITEMS INSIDE.



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ALWAYS CHECK THEY ARE A LICENSED WASTE CARRIER WITH NATURAL RESOURCES WALES.



# THE PROBLEM...

Wales has long been a stand-out performer in the UK when it comes to recycling rates and is ranked third globally.<sup>1</sup>

Despite this, fly-tipping like the example on the cover of this booklet still happens. It not only looks bad but also damages the environment.

According to 2021/22 data, over 41,000 cases were recorded in Wales last year.<sup>2</sup>

From a recent survey, we found that 96% of students are at least somewhat concerned about the environment which is extremely positive.

However, we know it isn't always easy to do the right thing when it comes to disposing of your waste and there can be barriers in the way.

This pack can be used as a tool to help you get rid of your waste correctly or even better – prevent it all together!

**41,000**  
**CASES OF FLY-TIPPING**  
**IN WALES LAST YEAR**

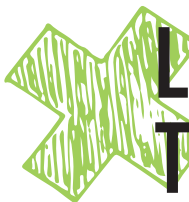
**96%**  
**OF STUDENTS HAVE**  
**ENVIRONMENT CONCERNS**

## DID YOU KNOW THIS IS FLY-TIPPING?



**LEAVING HOUSEHOLD WASTE BY A BIN AREA IF THE BINS ARE FULL.**

41% of students surveyed said they would do this!



**LEAVING HOUSEHOLD WASTE AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.**

13% of students surveyed said they would do this!

**IF YOU FLY-TIP YOU COULD FACE A FINE,  
AND WE ALL KNOW THERE ARE PLENTY OF  
BETTER THINGS TO SPEND YOUR MONEY ON!**

1. [gov.wales/new-stats-show-wales-upholds-world-class-recycling-rates-despite-pandemic](https://gov.wales/new-stats-show-wales-upholds-world-class-recycling-rates-despite-pandemic)

2. [stats.wales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Environment-and-Countryside/Fly-tipping/recordedflytippingincidents-by-wastetype](https://stats.wales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Environment-and-Countryside/Fly-tipping/recordedflytippingincidents-by-wastetype)

# TOP TIPS

- ✓ To avoid running out of space in your bin, make sure your housemates know that many items of household waste can be placed in the recycling bins which are emptied weekly.
- ✓ If you can't fit rubbish in your bins it needs to be taken to a local recycling or waste centre. Find your local centre here: [walesrecycles.org.uk/recycling-locator](http://walesrecycles.org.uk/recycling-locator)
- ✓ Create a bin rota with your house mates - sharing duties of putting the correct bags out on the correct day makes sure you don't have too many bags and too much on your plate.
- ✓ Look out for clothes swaps. These can be a great way of getting rid of old clothes whilst getting some vintage clothing - absolutely free.
- ✓ Buying clothes at charity shops is back in fashion with 90% of students surveyed saying they regularly or occasionally would buy/acquire a second-hand item that they needed.
- ✓ Ensure you have the correct bins and bags to recycle as much waste as possible.
- ✓ Cut out our handy recycling and waste collection reminder and stick it to your fridge so you never miss another bin day.

# HELP AND RESOURCES

- Find your bin collection day at: [gov.uk/rubbish-collection-day](http://gov.uk/rubbish-collection-day)
- Find your nearest recycling centre at: [walesrecycles.org.uk/recycling-locator](http://walesrecycles.org.uk/recycling-locator)
- Find your local repair cafe at: [repaircafewales.org/venues](http://repaircafewales.org/venues)
- Find out how to dispose of bulky items here: [gov.uk/collection-large-waste-items](http://gov.uk/collection-large-waste-items)
- More useful tips for recycling here: [recyclenow.com](http://recyclenow.com)
- Nearby charity shops can be found here: [charityretail.org.uk/find-a-charity-shop](http://charityretail.org.uk/find-a-charity-shop)



## OUR BIN DAYS ARE:

**HOUSEHOLD WASTE**

**RECYCLING**

**GARDEN WASTE**

**OUR LOCAL RECYCLING CENTRE IS:**

**OUR NEAREST REPAIR CAFÉ IS:**



# WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO TO HELP?



## TURN TRASH INTO CASH!

- Can you sell it? There are tons of places where people would love to buy your stuff – or even collect it for free – sites like *Facebook Marketplace*, *Freecycle*, *Gumtree* or *eBay* are full of treasure seekers just waiting to give your old items a new home.
- If not, it may be better to get in touch with local charity shops who may be able to help with collecting your large items.
- Find your local charity shop here: [charityretail.org.uk/find-a-charity-shop](http://charityretail.org.uk/find-a-charity-shop)

## FIX IT, DON'T FLING IT!

- Save money and the environment by taking household items that can be repaired to a local repair café.
- Repair cafés provide the tools and knowledge to help repair items.
- By repairing your laptop or broken kettle, you're not only saving hundreds of pounds, but also reducing the amount of waste and CO<sub>2</sub> you produce.
- Find your local repair café here: [repaircafewales.org/venues](http://repaircafewales.org/venues)

- Reduce your consumption – slow fashion not fast fashion! Charity shops can be a good way to find clothes at a fraction of the price of new ones.
- Have a takeaway coffee cup that you can reuse to reduce single use waste. Many cafes now also offer discounts for using reusable cups.

- See if your student union offers cheap repairs on electrical goods.
- Report any waste left by previous tenants to your landlord
- Take pride in your local community by reporting any public instances of fly-tipping via: [flytippingactionwales.org/en/report-incident](http://flytippingactionwales.org/en/report-incident)

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EASIER THAN YOU THINK.  
CHEAPER THAN A FINE

SEARCH **LOCAL RECYCLING CENTRE** TO FIND  
EASY WAYS TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED ITEMS.

