

Household Recycling Centres in Cambridgeshire

A useful guide

**Sort your
waste before
you come**



**Ask if you
need help**

**Follow
site rules**



What you can bring to our sites...



Cambridgeshire Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) have an excellent record for reusing and recycling materials brought by residents.

The nine sites recycle around 80% of the material brought to the sites. They are managed by Amey under contract to Cambridgeshire County Council.

Recycling

All sites can accept the following materials for recycling...

	aerosols		batteries		car batteries
	cardboard		cooking oil		fluorescent tubes
	food tins & drink cans		fridges & freezers		gas bottles
	garden waste		hardcore & rubble		hard plastics
	low energy bulbs		mixed glass bottles & jars		mobile phones
	paper		plasterboard		scrap metal
	small appliances		soil		textiles
	tv's & monitors		used engine oil		wood & timber



plastic bottles

Plastic bottles are also collected at Milton, Bluntisham, St. Neots, Thriplow and Witchford HRCs

Reuse

All HRCs have resale areas for items in good condition which are sold to residents, local charities and community groups. The sale of reusable items helps to reduce the running cost of the sites. All sites take the following items and more for reuse:

	furniture		Books		hand tools		garden tools (non-electric)
	Bric-a-brac		toys		sports equipment		kitchen ware



Paint is also collected at Milton, St. Neots, Witchford, Whittlesey, March and Thriplow to prevent surplus paint going to waste. The Cambridgeshire Community Reuse and Recycling Network sort the paint and sells it at low cost. See website for more details www.ccorr.org.uk/community-repaint

'Revive at Witchford' is an online system where residents can view and reserve reuse items that are for sale at the HRC, see www.revivemarketplace.com



Disposal



furniture

Large waste items such as broken furniture, mattresses and carpets but also old video tapes and polystyrene go in skips marked 'Bulky Waste'. These are sent to landfill for disposal.



household waste

Waste in black sacks go in the skips marked 'Kitchen Bin Waste'. This is taken to the Waterbeach waste treatment plant.

Do separate your waste before you come so we can recycle as much as we can to prevent waste going to landfill.

For a full list of all items that can be taken to HRCs for reuse and recycling please go to the County Council's website www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recycling_centres

What happens next...

All recyclable materials collected at HRCs are sent for reuse, reprocessing or recycling. Here are a few examples of what it is made into:



Hard plastic is turned into street furniture



Waste cooking oil is turned into fuel to produce electricity



Garden waste is turned into soil improver

Bagged soil improver is on sale at all sites except Milton



Waste electricals are turned into new electrical and other items

What you cannot bring to our sites...

HRCs are provided for Cambridgeshire residents to bring their household waste. To ensure only household waste is brought to the HRCs, there are policies in place to comply with legislation.

- ✗ **Trade waste** – businesses have a duty of care to legally dispose of their own waste. Vehicles and waste will be checked. You may be asked to sign a disclaimer form or be refused entry.
- ✗ **Construction, demolition and DIY waste** – waste from projects such as renovations and extensions will not be accepted. Waste from small scale DIY work may be accepted.
- ✗ **Waste from tenanted properties** – landlords are obligated to dispose of all waste from their lettings because it is classed as commercial waste.
- ✗ **Disposal of vehicle parts** – parts that contain fluids, whole vehicles or tyres must be taken to or collected by a licensed contractor. Only small items such as a wing mirror will be accepted.
- ✗ **Waste classed as chargeable** – waste from sources that can be charged for under legislation will not be accepted, such as parish councils, prisons, charities, schools, clubs and organisations.
- ✗ **Vehicle size restrictions** – vehicles larger than a standard size transit and trailers over 2.5m (8ft 6ins) in length are not allowed. Smaller vehicles and trailers may be refused entry at busy times.

Full details of the policies can be found on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recycling_centres

HRCs also do not take:

- ✗ **Asbestos**
Is hazardous and needs to be handled and disposed of carefully. Ask the site staff for a leaflet on how to dispose of asbestos.
- ✗ **Animal waste**
Put bedding from rabbits and guinea pigs on home compost heaps or in your garden and food waste collection bin. Put cat and dog waste in your household rubbish bin.

What you need to know...

HRCs are busy, especially at weekends and Bank Holidays. To keep everyone safe, improve reuse and recycling there are site rules:

- ➡ Large vans and trailers longer than 2.5 metres are not allowed.
- ➡ Children and pets must stay in the vehicle at all times.
- ➡ Wear gloves, stout shoes and appropriate clothing.
- ➡ Sort your waste before you come.
- ➡ Follow the one way system.
- ➡ Take care driving on site, be aware of other people and vehicles.
- ➡ Reverse park within parking bays.
- ➡ Skip Exchanges do interrupt the service on some sites – please be patient.
- ➡ Ask site staff if you are not sure or need assistance, they are there to help.
- ➡ Violence or verbal abuse towards site staff will not be tolerated.
- ➡ Resale of electrical items is not permitted.
- ➡ No smoking on sites.



Where you can find our sites...



- 1 Alconbury Recycling Centre Wood Walton Road, Alconbury Weston, PE28 4LH
- 2 Bluntisham Recycling Centre, Heath Road, PE28 3LQ
- 3 March recycling Centre Hundred Road, PE15 8QN
- 4 Milton Recycling Centre Butt Lane, CB24 6DQ
- 5 St. Neots Recycling Centre Unit 3, Marston Road, PE19 2HB
- 6 Thriplow Recycling Centre Gravel Pit Hill, SG8 7HZ
- 7 Whittlesey recycling Centre, New Road, PE7 1SZ
- 8 Wisbech Recycling Centre 75 Boleness Road, PE13 2RB
- 9 Witchford Recycling Centre Stirling Way CB6 3FA

All Sites are open every day except from 1 pm Christmas Eve, all Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Entrance gates close 10 minutes before closing time each day.

Contact us...

For more information about the Household Recycling Centres visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/recycling_centres

If you have any queries about the HRC service, the site rules or would like more information please contact the County Council's contact centre

Tel: **0345 045 5207**

Or e-mail the County Council's waste management team at
wmt@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

For more general information about recycling and to see our video on HRCs visit

www.recap.co.uk



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