

WASTE

The Liverpool City Region recycles over 281,727 tonnes of waste per year. However, households across the Liverpool City Region on average still throw away the equivalent of nearly six million wheelie bins full of waste each year. Over 140,000 tonnes of the waste thrown away is food.

We understand the real environmental imperative is to stop discarding items that can be used again or recycled and Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority and partners are trying to solve the eternal question of 'to bin or not to bin?'.

What we are doing about it

- Providing grant funding for community projects to help reduce the amount of food waste, limit the use of plastics, upcycle and reuse textiles and furniture
- Using our 'RECYCLERIGHT' communications campaign, to increase awareness of what can and can't be recycled (<http://www.recycleright.org.uk/>)
- Increasing education and social media promotion of the network of local recycling centres and reuse shops across the city region to provide greater opportunities for residents to prevent waste and increase recycling

What can you do about it

- Use a water bottle - using a reusable water bottle is such an easy way to reduce plastic waste
- Try a reusable coffee container / cup - using a reusable coffee cup reduces a lot of waste
- Don't bin it - Try to donate, pass on, swap or sell so someone else can reuse it
- RECYCLE RIGHT - When you throw away put the right thing in the right bin
- Only buy what you need to use - try to avoid BOGOF (Buy one, get one free) offers
- Get a home composter for your vegetable and garden waste
- Check Year of the Environment activities / events calendar to get more involved

