Dorset Council

# Trying to reduce your single-use plastic?

## Nappies: it's time for a change!




## Receive £30 towards the cost of purchasing reusable nappies

Choosing reusable nappies reduces rubbish, helps fight climate change and saves up to £600 off your nappy bill!

## Money off scheme for reusable nappies, in Dorset

The costs of bringing up a baby are something that every parent has to think about, but when buying nappies it doesn't have to cost the earth. One baby using disposable nappies for around two years costs over £1,000 and adds 1.5 tonnes of nappies to household rubbish, costing the council over £190 per baby.

Sending all the disposable nappies in Dorset for Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT), along with household rubbish, presently costs the council around £400,000 per year.



By choosing reusable nappies, parents can reduce their nappy bill by an average of £600 per baby and if the family is growing, putting subsequent children in reusable nappies will only involve the cleaning costs. Even if parents use a combination of reusable nappies and disposables, they will still save money, and may even be able to sell them on and get their money back, once their family is complete.

You can also save money and help the planet further by buying pre-loved nappies that are sold through the Dorset Cloth Nappy Library on Facebook. These pre-loved nappies are cheaper than buying new and are sometimes offered for free. The group also offers a free trial of reusable nappies for 2-4 weeks so you can try out different types before you commit.

Forget thinking of reusables as the traditional terry pin nappy. Modern washable nappies are shaped and can be poppered or velcroed into place. When used correctly they won't leak and can easily be used out and about or overnight. They can be used with biodegradable liners, allowing solid waste to be flushed down the toilet.

Dorset Council is offering Dorset parents £30 towards the cost of purchasing their reusable nappies or a free reusable nappy starter pack.

## Choose one of the following schemes:

**Apply for a £30 voucher** - Parents can spend their voucher with one of the retailers from our list of local reusable nappy retailers. The voucher will expire after two months.

**Apply for a reusable nappy starter pack**
Choose to receive one of our free starter packs containing some reusable nappies that would usually retail in excess of £70. The voucher will expire after two months.

**Claim £30 refund** - Parents can buy their reusable nappies from any retailer of their choice, including those on the internet. An itemised receipt will need to be provided. Receipt dates must be within two months of application. A payment of £30 will be paid into the parent's bank account.

## Please note the following:

- a minimum spend of £45 (excluding delivery) applies for the £30 voucher or refund, which must be made in a single transaction. Parents applying for a refund will be required to provide a copy of an itemised receipt
- parents can buy reusable nappies, wraps and reusable nappy accessories, such as nappy buckets or liners, or choose to purchase a reusable nappy hire kit
- babies must be aged 18 months or under and must live in the Dorset Council area
- only one claim can be made per baby
- parents will be asked to send proof of address plus a photocopy of the baby's birth certificate (or a copy of a MAT B1 form if the baby has not yet been born)
- parents may be contacted for feedback at a later date
- applications submitted for older children, with an existing medical condition, will be considered on a 'case by case' basis

## Please visit:

**dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/reusablenappies**
or **scan the QR code**
for more details
about the £30
or starter pack
incentive scheme,
and to apply online.

For further help, email
**wasteteam@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk**
or call **01305 221000**

Dorset Council residents can save even more money with a **15% discount** off some reusable nappy retailers! You can still claim a £30 refund from our scheme if you use this discount, as long as your final spend is £45 or more (excluding delivery). No need to apply - just use the discount code listed on our webpage when you order online.



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## A limited number of applications will be accepted per year. So don't delay!

This offer is only open to residents living in the Dorset Council area. Those living in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council area should contact BCP Council.

**This scheme is also available to foster carers.**

- **Reusable nappies are nappies that are washable**
- **They are shaped and can be poppered or velcroed into place**
- **They come in a range of materials and colours**
- **You can use reusable nappies with biodegradable liners, allowing solid waste to be flushed down the toilet**

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