

Where does your waste go?



Mixed recycling

Destination: Kent

- Materials sorted and separated
- Materials sold by contractor to UK recycling manufacturers



Recycling prices

Recycling waste is always cheaper than disposing of it as rubbish, but global market prices go up and down. Sometimes recycling waste costs us money, and sometimes it generates revenue that we can invest back into the council. The more we reduce, reuse and recycle our waste in Dorset, the less Council Tax is needed to run our waste services.



Non-recyclable (black bin) rubbish

- Majority to a mechanical biological plant near Wimborne, where organic and recyclable materials are extracted
- Leftover material is turned into fuel and sent to produce energy in the UK and Europe
- A small amount of waste that cannot be treated is sent to landfill outside Dorset



Glass

Destination: South Wales

- Crushed, cleaned and mechanically sorted by colour
- Sold by contractor to UK and overseas companies to make new glass products



Food Waste

Destination: Piddlehinton and Parley

- Produces biogas (mixture of methane and carbon dioxide) and biofertiliser
- Biogas used to generate electricity for the national grid
- Biofertiliser sold to farms by contractor as a soil improver for plants and crops



Garden waste

Destination: Parley and Lodmoor

- Shredded and composted
- Compost sold to businesses and public by contractors