



Activity 9 – Recycling at Home

Learn about your local recycling collection and draw a poster to help you sort your recycling!

You will need:

- A computer, phone or tablet that can access the internet, or an up to date district council recycling leaflet
- Paper
- Art supplies of your choice such as pens, pencils, paint



Time required: 30 mins

Suitable for primary school ages

Safety Tips:

- Supervise young children when using the internet.
- If you decide to watch the recycling collection, ensure children are supervised and keep a safe distance from moving vehicles or working.

Picture of activity



Useful Tip:

- If you're not sure what district you live in, this handy tool can help: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

Instructions:

1. Use a phone, computer or tablet to search for your local district council website. From here, find the recycling pages. If you're not too confident using the internet, you can type in or click this link and select your district council from the drop down menu: <https://www.recycledevon.org/recycling-collections> If you're using a recycling leaflet, you can skip this step.
2. Use your council's website or leaflet to find out how many containers your waste is separated into, and what can be put in each container. You can make a poster for each container. Draw a picture of what can be placed in this container and add a label. Remember to add in what day of the week your waste is collected and how often!
3. Now, when you recycle something, use your new posters to help you decide which container it should go into!

DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling one drinks can save enough energy to power a TV for four hours!



Extension activities:

Ever wondered what happens to your recycling after its collected? Watch this video to find out! <https://youtu.be/fvE3hMgfYfg> Try to decide what collection type your council uses by looking at what goes in each container, and how many containers you have.

Complete our recycling wordsearch on the Zone website:

<https://zone.recycledevon.org/subject/home-education/waste-wordsearch/>

Your recycling collection



Remember to **Rinse** plastic bottles, cans, glass and foil, to **Squash** plastic bottles and cans, and **flatten** cardboard when you put them in your recycling bin.

Watching the recycling collection can be a good way to learn more about what happens to your waste. Find out roughly when your collection is and watch and listen for the crew! You can even say hello and thank you to the crews. You could even colour in this thank you poster (<https://zone.recycledevon.org/wp-content/uploads/thank-you-poster.png>) or make your own!

Some things may not be collected by your local council. But you may be able to take them to a recycling bank or to your local Household Waste recycling centre. Check where your local Household Waste Recycling Centre is and what you can recycle there: <https://www.recycledevon.org/recycling-facilities-projects-community-groups>

Share your pictures with us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram by tagging @RecycleDevon #recycledevon

Home Schooling

This activity can help children in **Key Stages 1 and 2 (Years 1 and 6)** to learn how to use technology safely and how to retrieve information from the internet.

This activity can also help children in **Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6)** understand our responsibility to protect the environment and how our everyday choices, such as recycling can impact this.

Children in **Key Stages 1 and 2** can use this activity to help express their creativity using a range of materials and art techniques.

