

East Finchley Waste and Recycling Guide 2004

How to...
Reduce, Reuse, Repair &
Recycle your waste



East Finchley Local Agenda 21 Partnership

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For more information about reusing your rubbish
please phone 020 8359 7555.

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از دوپہر کے درمیان 020 8359 7555 پر فون کریں۔

Urdu

Useful Contacts

Barnet Council Recycling:

Building 4, NLBP, Oakleigh Road South,
London, N11 1NP
Tel: 020 8359 7400
www.barnet.gov.uk
recycling@barnet.gov.uk

Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre:

Summers Lane, London, N12
Tel: 020 8362 0752
barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk

ECT Recycling:

Tel: 020 8371 3670
barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk

WasteConnect:

Tel: 01743 343403
www.wasteconnect.co.uk

Wastewatch:

96 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2TH
Tel: 020 7089 2100
www.wastewatch.co.uk

BARNET'S RECYCLING SERVICES

Recycle from Home

This is the easy way to recycle using your black box and operates throughout the borough. The boxes are collected weekly by ECT Recycling in partnership with Barnet Council.

Materials you can put in your black box are:

- Aluminium foil & trays
- Batteries - household and car
- Drinks and food cans
- Engine oil - in sealed containers
- Glass bottles and jars
- Mobile phones
- Paper - newspapers, magazines, junk mail and Yellow Pages
- Shoes - tied together
- Textiles - in plastic bags



Flats Recycling Service

This communal recycling service is available for residents living in medium to high-rise flats. Under the scheme, mini recycling centres are installed which residents can use to recycle their cans, glass and paper.

Blocks consisting of under 20 flats have access to the Recycle from Home service.

For further information on either of the above schemes contact ECT Recycling: 020 8371 3670 or barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk

Compost at Home

Home composting can reduce the rubbish in your household's bin by one third and create free compost! Compost is a cheap, rich fertiliser for the garden, which will enrich and improve soil structure.

Compostable materials include: vegetable and fruit waste, tea bags, leaves, weeds, dead flowers, grass cuttings and general garden waste. (Meat and cooked meats are not suitable for composting, as they will attract rats).

Barnet Council offers a range of compost bins at highly subsidised prices (£5-25) together with instructions about their use. Pick up a leaflet from your local library or call 020 8359 7400.

BARNET'S RECYCLING SERVICES (*Continued*)

The Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre, Summers Lane, N12

At this site you can recycle a much wider range of items than can be put in your black box. See the back page for a full list.

The site does not accept commercial waste. Residents bringing vans need to ring and make an appointment. For more information call: 020 8362 0752 or email: barnet@ectrecycling.co.uk

Opening hours:

08.00 - 16.00 Mon - Sat

09.00 - 16.00 Sundays

The site is closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day.

Bring Banks

Barnet Council has set up about 40 bring banks at key locations throughout the borough. For more information call: 020 8359 7400.

The East Finchley banks are at:

East End Rd, Elmhurst Crescent Glass and newspapers

East Finchley Station Glass, newspapers and cans

High Rd. near Martin School Glass, newspapers, textiles, soft toys, paired shoes and cans

Visit your local library's InfoLink Computer for other Collection Sites in Barnet.

Block Cleanse

Barnet Council provides a skip service for residents on a rotation system for green waste, cardboard and scrap metals three times a year. For information on when the service is next in your area call 020 8359 4600.

Local Business

Minimising business waste not only helps the environment, it saves money. Barnet is a member of Waste Watch Business Network. For further details on how to reduce business waste log onto www.wastewatch.org.uk and follow the links to Business Services. Also see Barnet's free Green Guide for Business (Tel: 020 8359 7400).

THE DIRECTORY

The following pages offer ideas for the sustainable reuse or recycling of a range of items.

Names given in ***bold italic*** indicate local firms.

ALUMINIUM FOIL

Kitchen foil and trays can be put in your black box or taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

BATTERIES

Household and car batteries can be put in your black box or taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

Watch or calculator batteries are taken by most jewellers on replacement.

BICYCLES

Bike and Run, 125 High Road, East Finchley accept unwanted bicycles for use in developing countries (Tel: 020 8815 1845). Alternatively, take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

BOOKS

Most charity shops accept books. You can also take them to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Building materials (metal, solid wood, hardcore) can be taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

CARDBOARD

Cardboard can be recycled at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre. Please do not put cardboard into paper bring banks. Old greeting cards can be used for handicrafts (e.g. make into gift tags). Your local school or playgroup may be able to make use of them and some charity shops collect them.

CARS

If you own one, try to keep it for longer and look after it! If your car is no longer roadworthy and you want to dispose of it, contact Barnet Council's Clean Up Hotline (Tel: 020 8359 6035).

CHINA

Most charity shops will be happy to take unwanted china. Damaged china can be broken and used when potting plants, to improve drainage.

CLOTHES

Most local charity shops will take clean clothing in good condition. Alternatively put them in the council's textile bring banks, take them to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre or bag them up and put them in your black box.

COMPUTERS

Unwanted computers recycled at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre will be refurbished and re-used wherever possible. ***North London IteC***, HiTech House, 193 The Broadway, Hendon NW9, collect, refurbish and redistribute PCs to community organisations free of charge. Visit or call Joe Okoli (Tel: 020 8457 4848). Computer Aid International accepts IBM compatible PCs for use in schools and communities in developing countries (Tel: 020 7281 0091).

CORKS

Re-use corks by placing at the bottom of plant pots to help retain moisture.

CURRENCY

Take to charity shops or to high street banks.

ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONIC GOODS

P.A. Music, 172 High Road, East Finchley, accept second hand professional sound and lighting equipment (Tel: 020 8883 4350). Most charity shops will not accept electrical goods for safety reasons. Take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre where they will be refurbished and re-used if possible.

ENVELOPES

Open your post carefully so that the envelope can be re-used. Many organisations (e.g. RSPB) now sell re-use labels which, as well as saving paper help to publicise their work. White envelopes can be placed in your black box.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHT BULBS

These can be recycled at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

FLOWER POTS

Can be useful for new cuttings or seedlings. Clay pots are best for plants requiring good drainage. Why not grow cuttings for sale by local charities?

FLUORESCENT TUBES

These can be recycled at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

FOOD & DRINK CANS/TINS

Please wash and squash food and drink cans and tins and place in your black box or take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre, or your nearest can bring bank.

FOOD WASTE

Contact Barnet Council for your bargain compost bin while stocks last (see page 2).

FRIDGES & FREEZERS

Take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre for CFC extraction and recycling.

FURNITURE

Solid wood furniture can be taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre where it will be offered to Furniture Projects throughout London.

Furniture 4 U collects unwanted furniture in reasonable condition for use by those on low incomes or benefits (Tel: 020 8205 2000) or visit 8 The Concourse, Grahame Park NW9 5XB. Victoria House collects furniture in saleable condition to support Haringey Mencap (Tel: 020 8880 9034; 020 8805 6262). You can also contact *Restore Community Projects* (Tel: 020 8493 0900).

GARDEN WASTE

Recycle it the way nature intended by composting (see page 2) or take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre where it is sent off-site for composting. If you are in an area where the council's green waste collection is operational you will have been contacted.

GAS BOTTLES

Gas bottles can be taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Please wash and rinse them and put them in your black box or take them to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre, or your nearest glass bring bank.

JUNK MAIL

You can choose not to receive unsolicited mailings by contacting 020 7291 3310, 0845 703 4599 or www.mpsonline.org.uk for an application form. Junk mail can be recycled in your black box, in paper recycling banks or at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

MAGAZINES

Offer readable ones to local hospitals, doctor and dental surgeries. Unreadable ones can be recycled in your black box, in paper bring banks or at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

MEDICINES

Return unwanted or expired medicines to a dispensing chemist e.g. **Cootes Pharmacy**, 134 High Rd, East Finchley (Tel: 020 8883 0073).

METALS

Scrap metals and metallic items can be taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

MILK BOTTLES

Return glass milk bottles to your milk man. Do not put in bottle banks (see also 'Plastic Bottles').

MOBILE PHONES

Support charities by donating your unused mobile phones either via charity shops or by post. Many charities now accept mobile phones.

Try *Action Aid* (Tel: 0117 304 2390

www.actionaidrecycling.org.uk).

Phones must be free from contract or other financial arrangements. Mobiles can also be recycled in your black box and at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

NAPPIES

Most parents choose disposables though they are over three times more expensive than washable nappies, use resources and cause environmental problems. Over 8 million disposable nappies are thrown away each day. These end up in landfill sites and take up to 200 years to decompose. There are several different kinds of nappy to choose from and laundry services are available if you decide on the washable variety. Further information is available from the *Women's Environmental Network* (Tel: 020 7481 9004), www.wen.org.uk

NEWSPAPERS

Use for crafts such as paper maché or recycle in your black box, in paper bring banks or at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

OIL & OIL FILTERS

Waste oil is contaminated with a whole range of chemicals and could pollute the water supply. It is illegal to pour waste engine oil down the drain. Place in your black box in a sealed and labelled container or take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

PAINT

Take left over paint to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre where it is made available to community groups and low income households.

PLASTIC BAGS

Most charity shops welcome plastic bags to use at point of sale. Some supermarkets have carrier bag recycling facilities.

PLASTIC BOTTLES

These should be rinsed, compacted and saved and then taken in bulk to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Try to re-use any plastic containers you do collect and opt for recyclable containers when possible. Deposit for recycling at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

RECORDS, CDS & TAPES

Take to Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre or sell them to **Alans Records**, 212 High Road, N2 (Tel: 020 8883 0234)
alansrecords@tiscali.co.uk

SHOES (Paired)

Can be recycled in your black box, the council's textile bring banks or at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

SPECTACLES

Your local charity shop, optician or optometrist may take them for use in developing countries, whether intact or broken.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Sports equipment can be taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre where it will be redistributed to community groups.

STAMPS

Leave stamps on paper with a margin of about 1/4 inch all round and take to Oxfam shops or send them to

Mrs Pat Dunnill, Save the Children Fund, 14 Cornwall Avenue, Finchley, N3 1LD.

TEXTILES

Some schools or playgroups will take fabric remnants for collages or school drama production etc. Textiles can also be taken to the council's textile bring banks, placed in your black box or taken to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

TIMBER OFFCUTS/WOOD

Ask your local schools Design & Technology Dept. if they can make use of them or take them to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

TONER AND INK CARTRIDGES

Refilling cartridges with a refill kit is much cheaper than buying new ones. **Cartridge World**, 127 East End Road, N2 offers a cartridge recycling and re-filling service (Tel: 020 8883 2833). Take HP, Canon and Lexmark toner and ink cartridges to **Phoenix Cinema Trust Ltd.**, 52 High Road, East Finchley as a donation towards their refurbishment fund (Tel: 020 8444 6789).

TOOLS

Take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre. Tools and small electrical machines, in reasonable condition, will be refurbished and sent to African Self Help Projects.

TYRES

Tyres can be recycled at the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

YELLOW PAGES

Place in your black box or take to the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre.

USEFUL TIPS

Help the environment by taking action today! Always remember the three R's....

Reduce → Re-use → Recycle

As the consumer you can help to minimise waste by:

1st REDUCING

- Buy loose fruit and vegetables
- Buy milk in glass bottles from your milk round
- Use both sides of paper before recycling
- Buy products which have minimal packaging (e.g. buy in bulk)
- Buy drinks in recyclable glass bottles, not plastic
- Buy products which are well made and built to last
- Stop junk mail
- Refuse any unnecessary plastic and paper packaging in shops



2nd RE-USING

- Re-use shopping bags (buy a 'Bag for Life')
- Use scraps of paper for telephone messages and shopping lists etc.
- Use Rechargeable Batteries
- Open envelopes carefully and use re-use labels
- Invest in repairing old products rather than buying new ones



...And finally...if all else fails.....

3rd RECYCLING

- Start a compost bin
- Make full use of Barnet's Recycling Services



Do your part by closing the loop and purchasing products made from recycled materials

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

FREE materials available for community projects

Are you in need of materials that B&Q no longer have a use for (e.g. broken tiles, timber, end of range paints etc.) for your community project? If so, complete a waste donation application at your local B&Q.



Charities, Community Groups & Schools

Register with the Civic Amenity & Recycling Centre to receive free paint (e.g. brighten up your community centre) or free sports equipment (i.e. rackets, balls) that has been handed in for recycling.
Call: 020 8362 0752.

Community Front Garden Sales

Why not organise an informal community front garden sale to promote re-use of unwanted children's books and toys, gifts, computer equipment, sports goods and other paraphernalia that you and your neighbours have accumulated. Residents can sell goods on to their neighbours, and perhaps raise funds for charity if they wish. These events encourage people to get to know their neighbours and avoid the pollution associated with car boot sales.

Charity Shops

North London Hospice

123 High Road, East Finchley
020 8883 6493
Mon-Sat 9.30 - 5.00

All Aboard

124 High Road, East Finchley
Mon, Wed, Thu 9.30 - 5.30,
Tue 9.30 - 6.30, Sun 10.00 - 4.00

Animal Aid & Advice

48 High Road, East Finchley
Mon-Sat 10.00 - 4.30

Check for further shops in "Yellow Pages" (under Charity shops)

None of these shops accept electrical goods and children's toys for safety reasons. Please take your items to the charity shop during opening hours. Never dump goods outside. They all welcome plastic bags.

East Finchley Local Agenda 21 Partnership

We are actively working to promote 'sustainable development'; meeting the needs of current generations whilst protecting the environment, which future generations will depend upon.

- Agenda 21 is a worldwide initiative, a step forward in

THINKING GLOBALLY and ACTING LOCALLY

- In East Finchley, Local Agenda 21 aims to bring the whole community together to improve everyone's quality of life.
- East Finchley Local Agenda 21 Partnership is working to improve the environmental, social and economic quality of life for residents in the whole of East Finchley and the N2 postal district.
- We raise awareness of environmental issues and encourage environmentally friendly practices. We run projects and help others to run projects, which support and promote sustainable living.
- We are involved in traffic and transport, recycling and waste reduction, in planning issues and in protecting our parks, open spaces and wildlife. We even have our own allotment where we grow trees for planting throughout Barnet! We work with other Barnet Agenda 21 Partnerships to co-ordinate our efforts within the Borough.
- We are an independent voluntary group. Although we work in close consultation with the London Borough of Barnet, we are not part of the Council. We very much welcome involvement from any resident, business or community group within our area.

For more information and if you would like to join us, please telephone
020 8883 4916.

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AT-A-GLANCE RECYCLING GUIDE

CIVIC AMENITY & RECYCLING CENTRE				
RECYCLE FROM HOME (WEEKLY BLACK BOX COLLECTION)				
BLOCK CLEANSE				
BRING BANKS				
Batteries (car)			✓	✓
Batteries (household)			✓	✓
Bicycles				✓
Books	✓			✓
Cans and tins	✓		✓	✓
Cardboard		✓		✓
Electrical items				✓
Electronic items				✓
Energy efficient light bulbs				✓
Engine oil			✓	✓
Fluorescent tubes				✓
Foil			✓	✓
Freezers and Fridges				✓
Furniture				✓
Garden waste		✓		✓
Gas bottles				✓
Glass bottles	✓		✓	✓
Glass Jars	✓		✓	✓
Hardcore				✓
Magazines	✓		✓	✓
Metals		✓		✓
Mobile phones			✓	✓
Music & Video (cassettes, records, CDs, DVDs)				✓
Newspapers	✓		✓	✓
Oil filters				✓
Paint				✓
Paper (white)	✓		✓	✓
Paper (mixed)			✓	✓
Plastic bottles				✓
Records				✓
Shoes	✓		✓	✓
Sports equipment				✓
Textiles	✓		✓	✓
Toner cartridges				✓
Tyres				✓
White goods				✓
Wood and wood products				✓
Yellow Pages			✓	✓