

DBC Eco Church Newsletter

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Welcome to our Newsletter.

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Firstly apologies for the lack of a Newsletter in September and October. Unfortunately I had an accident and have been unable to type. After the November issue we will be moving to a bi-monthly Newsletter.

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As we are coming up to winter have you ever thought about your energy supply. Are you using a green energy supplier. There are several suppliers out there for example Octopus Energy, Good Energy, So Energy. Some only supply green electricity whilst some also supply a proportion of green gas. Check out here <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/switching-your-energy-supplier/>

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Do you know how green your bank is? Check it out at <https://bank.green>. If yours isn't so good, maybe it's time to change?

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Recycling (Taken from www.smol.com)

October saw UK Recycle Week – a campaign that strengthens the will of

businesses, governments and the general public to recycle one of the right things, more often.

Over 75% of us believe recycling is important BUT what keeps us from doing more is a lack of recycling services and the confidence to know what can be recycled, where.

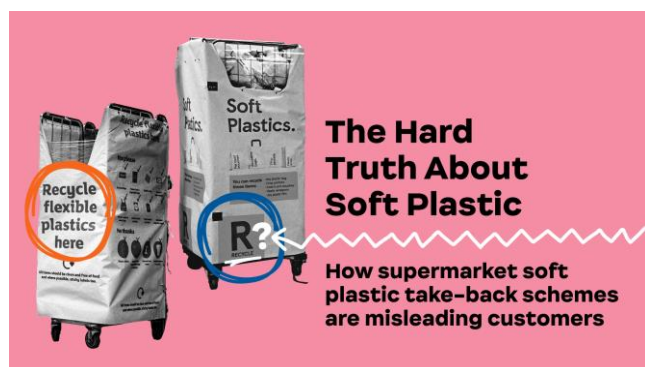
Seven easy tips to help you recycle right!

1. No plastic bags in your home recycling. They're the number one contaminant; getting caught in machinery, shutting down equipment and causing havoc. Take them to designated recycling points such as your local supermarket instead.
2. Small items mean big problems. Anything smaller than a credit card ie: straws, cutlery or paperclips are too small to be sorted and can jam recycling equipment. Plastic bottle caps are ok as long as they are firmly attached back onto plastic bottles.
3. Clean and dry your recycling. Dirty items contaminate entire loads - including all the clean stuff your neighbours put out. If your recycling attracts flies or mice - it's too dirty. Rinse and dry your items first. This one step could save tons of recyclables going to landfill.
4. Know your plastics. The higher the number in the little triangle on your plastic packaging - the less recyclable it is. And remember, thin plastic film,

crisp or cereal plastic that tears easily can't be recycled from home. Search for your local supermarket recycling point instead.

5. **Stop wish cycling.** This is when we optimistically put non-recyclable items out hoping for the best. In reality all we do is contaminate whole loads of otherwise recyclable items.
6. **Teach yourself and others.** We can't all be recycling experts but we can learn the basics and pass our knowledge on to others.
7. **Reduce and reuse before you recycle.** Recycling is crucial but whenever we can - let's reduce our consumption and reuse items instead! Swap to smol refillable products, avoid buying items wrapped in plastic and always remember your reusable bags when you're out shopping.

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Having said all of the above Everyday Plastic have done some research into what happens to the plastic we recycle at Supermarkets. This is the summary of their report.

Our new investigation reveals the **hard** truth about **soft** plastic recycling points at supermarkets...

40 bundles of soft plastic packaging waste were tracked through take-back schemes across England over 12 months.

Of the tracked soft plastic packaging waste collected for recycling at Sainsbury's and Tesco stores, **70% of the soft plastic that reached a known destination was burnt, not recycled**

The rest ended up at recycling facilities that downcycle soft plastic waste into lower value products – **the majority of which were in Türkiye.**

Environmental law NGO ClientEarth warns that the results of the investigation show that **supermarket soft plastic take-back schemes are misleading customers.**

We're now calling for Sainsbury's and Tesco to publicly support a **40% cut in global plastic production by 2040.**

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DBC Freecycle

Don't forget if you have anything that you need to get rid of we can always advertise it here on DBC Freecycle.

“One man's trash is another man's treasure!”

Get in touch with me with a photo and details of the items you want to include.