

Facts and figures

- Electrical goods are the fastest growing waste stream in the UK, growing by 5% each year.
- 75% of waste electronics end up in landfill sites.
- In a lifetime 1 UK citizen will discard 3.3 tonnes of waste electronics.
- Two million TV sets are thrown away every year – most end up in landfill sites .
- Over six million electrical items are thrown away every year in the UK and it's estimated that over half are still working or could easily be repaired.
- In the UK, we use 600 million batteries every year – an average of 21 per household.
- In 2007 just 3% of batteries were being recycled, the rest were going to landfill.
- The UK is aiming to meet targets to recycle 25% of batteries by 2012 and 45% by 2016.

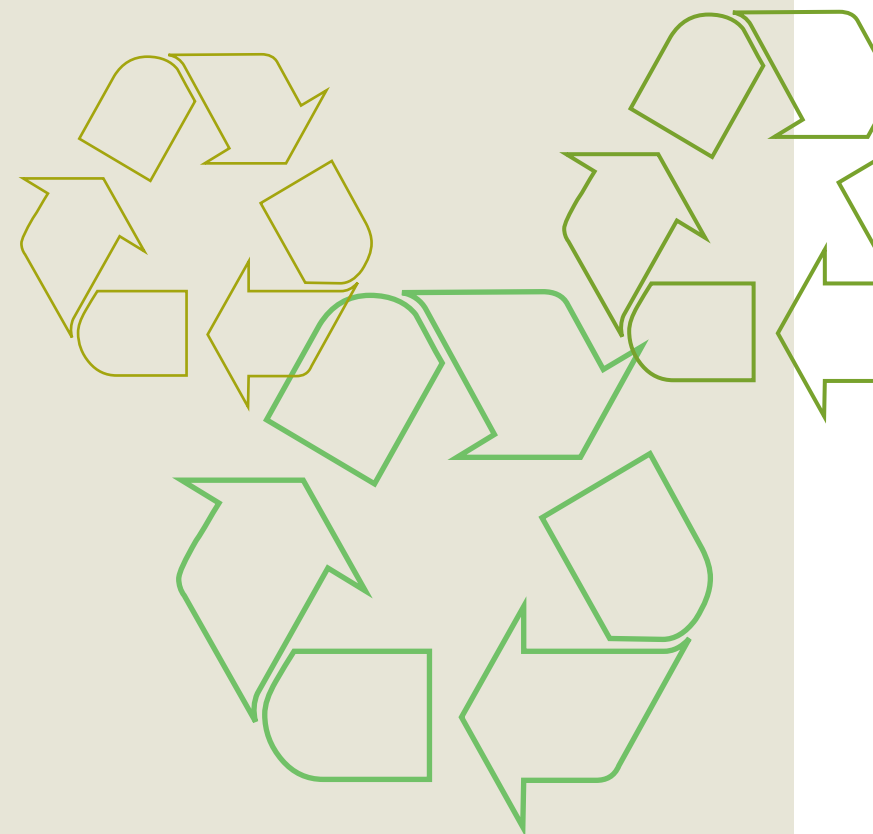
Please help us to minimise the effect we all have on the environment by recycling your waste batteries and electrical and electronic products.

If you need this literature in an alternative format, please ask us.

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Waste electrical, electronic equipment (WEEE) and recycling batteries

What you need to know



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What's at stake?

The earth's resources are limited so we must all find ways to use new materials responsibly, reuse wherever possible and recycle at every opportunity.

This is particularly true for electrical and electronic goods. As sophisticated new models in televisions, computers, game consoles and mobile phones rapidly supersede old ones, more and more of these products are discarded.

Why should I recycle?

The diverse materials and energy involved in the manufacture of batteries and electrical and electronic goods is wasted when they're simply thrown out. Recycling stops this potential waste as it recovers these materials and uses them to help produce new consumer goods. So, every time you recycle, you conserve resources, help reduce waste going to landfill and help protect the environment, too.

It's a free national scheme

Since 2007 free recycling points have been created for electrical and electronic goods across the UK and since February 2010 free recycling facilities have also been introduced for batteries. All new products of this type now carry a special symbol to help you identify which are recyclable.

How can I tell if new products I buy can be recycled?

Look for the 'crossed out wheellie bin' symbol, which appears on all new batteries and electrical and electronic goods that can be recycled. It's not just new goods though – some old equipment can be recycled too, so it's worth checking if yours is suitable.



How can I find my nearest recycling point?

Simply visit www.recycle-more.co.uk and type in your postcode. This is also a good place to get tips on recycling other household items and to find out what else you can do to help the environment. Alternatively, call your local council who will be able to tell you where to find your nearest recycling points. Your local John Lewis and Waitrose shops will also carry information about local recycling facilities.

Can I return my old electronic goods to John Lewis and Waitrose shops?

Unfortunately we can't accept old appliances that need recycling through our shops, but we are helping to fund the network of recycling points through our membership of the Distributor Take Back Scheme.

Does John Lewis offer a collection service for large electrical products?

Yes we do. If you are buying a cooker, dishwasher, fridge, freezer, washing machine or tumble dryer from us, we'll pick-up and take away your old model for recycling when we deliver your new one. You only need to make sure:

- It's disconnected¹ from the electricity and/or water and drainage supply (including tumble dryer vent hoses).
- If it's a gas appliance, it must be disconnected¹ by a registered GAS SAFE gas engineer.
- Washing machines, condenser tumble dryers and dishwashers are empty of excess water.
- Fridges and freezers are empty, fully defrosted and dry.

Recycling your goods is free but there is a small charge to cover our collection and transport costs. This is an easy way to help you recycle your white goods. Please ask us for more details of this service.

How can I recycle my old batteries?

Everything from AAA batteries, to mobile phone batteries and button cells used in hearing aids and watches, can now be deposited for recycling using facilities in all Waitrose and John Lewis shops. You do not have to have purchased new batteries or battery containing products to be able to recycle your old batteries.

We are only able to accept portable batteries that can be easily hand carried for recycling. Other batteries, including automotive and industrial batteries can be recycled at other sites across the UK, contact your local authority or battery producer for more information.

¹ John Lewis installation services include disconnection. Please ask us for more details of this service.