Recycling in your area
Frequently asked questions

Where can I take my recycling?
You can take your recycling to a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) but there are also Recycle Points all over the county. Both your local HWRC and Recycle Points are detailed in this pack.

If you want to know more why not go to recycleforcumbria.org
Or contact: 0845 055 1118

My recycling hasn't been collected, what should I do?
If your kerbside recycling hasn't been collected, check with your Collections Calendar to make sure you have put it out at the right time on the correct day or week.

If you have any further problems, contact Carlisle City Council on 01228 817200
recycling@carlisle.gov.uk

What can I put in my recycling containers?
Household recycling collections (kerbside collections) vary depending on which area you live in. Check with this Householder Pack or contact Carlisle City Council on 01228 817200
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Can I recycle envelopes?
Yes, just remove any plastic windows, where possible and put them in your recycling box or home compost bin. To order your reduced price compost bin go to recycleforcumbria.org

Do I need to remove the labels on tins and jars?
No, this is not necessary but please rinse out your containers (especially food, drink and pet food containers) before recycling to prevent bad smells and vermin.

What kinds of glass can be recycled?
All bottles and jars can be recycled and should be separated by colour at glass banks (e.g. green glass should go in green glass banks).

You should not place any of the following in your kerbside collection or in a glass bank as they cannot be recycled: light bulbs, Pyrex, pottery or crockery, tiles, panes of glass, safety glass or other treated or heatproof glass.

If you have any undamaged crockery, Pyrex bowls, dishes etc they can be donated to a charity shop.

To find out more about recycling glass, visit: britglass.org.uk/Industry/Recycling.html
What can I do about plastic carrier bags?

Most people tend to have a plastic carrier bag collection in a drawer or cupboard at home that never seems to get any smaller! Take action on your carrier bag mountain! Here are some suggestions:

- Refuse plastic bags when you go shopping, take some with you or use 'bags for life' from supermarkets (these strong plastic bags can be re-used many times and are replaced and recycled by the supermarket when they get worn).
- Take a rucksack or buy a cloth shopping bag to take with you when you visit the shops. There are many nice designs available and they can be re-used over and over (and washed too).
- If you have a surplus of carrier bags, give some to a shop that doesn't have its own bags, e.g. a charity shop or health food store.
- If you still have too many bags after all this you can now recycle old carrier bags at most supermarkets.

Can I recycle junk mail?

Yes, junk mail can be recycled with your magazines and newspapers. Please remove any plastic coverings first.

Why should I buy recycled products?

Buying recycled products has many benefits, including preventing the unnecessary use of raw materials and ensuring that the market for recycled materials remains strong, meaning that recycling schemes can continue. Look out for recycled versions of your usual shopping (especially ‘everyday’ items such as toilet roll, writing and printer paper). If you can't find recycled products in the shops you visit, ask the store manager to start stocking recycled products and explain why it is important! Have a look at recyclenow.com for an impressive range of recycled products and gift ideas.