

Importance of Recycling

Did you know you can recycle your electrical and electronic devices for free at your local recycling centre?

Unwanted electrical equipment is the UK's fastest growing type of waste.

Many electrical items can be repaired or recycled, saving natural resources and the environment. If you do not recycle electrical equipment, it will end up in landfill where hazardous substances will leak out and cause soil and water contamination – harming wildlife and human health.

To remind you that old electrical equipment can be recycled, it is now marked with the crossed-out wheeled bin symbol. Please do not throw any electrical equipment (including those marked with this symbol) in your bin.

What is WEEE?

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013.

WEEE stands for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. An item is classed as being WEEE if it needs electricity to do what it is intended to do. The electricity can also come from a battery source. You can get several types of domestic and commercial WEEE, including large WEEE such as Fridge Freezers and washing machines, and small WEEE such as toasters and kettles. The WEEE Directive was introduced in 2006 to make manufacturers and retailers responsible for collecting and recycling WEEE.

How are we helping?

In the UK, distributors including retailers must provide a system which allows all customers buying new electrical equipment the opportunity to recycle their old items free of charge. As a responsible retailer, we have met the requirements placed on us by financially supporting the national network of WEEE recycling centres established by local authorities. This is achieved through membership of the national Distributor Take-back scheme (DTS) and is the method of compliance for the vast majority of UK retailing.

For more information on WEEE recycling and to locate your nearest recycling centre please visit [Recycle More](#)