

# Resource Sheet - Local Recycling Centres



There are over 100 Local Recycling Centres (LRCs) across Test Valley. LRCs provide residents with the opportunity to recycle more items than can just be put in their brown bin at home. Recycling these items at an LRC prevents them from being put into black household waste bins.

To find your nearest or most convenient site visit: [www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling](http://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling). The Recycling Locator tool helps you search sites by location as well as the material you wish to recycle.

## The following items can be recycled at our Local Recycling Centres:

- ★ Glass bottles and jars
- ★ Clothes, bedding and towels (also referred to as 'Textiles')
- ★ Shoes
- ★ Aluminium foil
- ★ Books
- ★ DVDs and CDs (also referred to as 'Media')
- ★ Food and drink cartons

## General Local Recycling Centre hints and tips

### Don't want to make a special trip?

It is easy to make a visit to an LRC part of your family routine by finding a site on the way to school, the shops or an after school club.

### Take your litter home

If you have brought your items to the site in plastic bag, please reuse it or dispose of it in a litter bin. If there is not a bin, please take it home.

Cardboard boxes should be taken home and recycled in your brown bin.

Collect items for the LRC in a reusable container to avoid extra waste.

### Full collection banks

Overflowing textile and media banks usually have instructions on the front for reporting overflowing collection banks. Alternatively, these can be reported to Customer Services on 01264 368000 or 01794 527700. Issues can also be reported online or using the My Test Valley App.

### New LRCs

We are always looking for new sites that might be suitable for an LRC. If you would like to suggest a location, perhaps you have space on your school grounds, please contact the Council.

## Glass Bottles and Jars

### Yes please

Glass bottles and jars of any colour

### No thanks

Pyrex  
Vases and drinking glasses  
Window glass  
Mirrors  
Lightbulbs  
Lids and bottle tops

### Hints and tips for recycling glass:

- ★ Rinse glass bottles and jars to remove any food or drink left in them.
- ★ To make things simple at home, collect glass separately from other recyclables. Having a bag or a box for glass bottles and jars means there is no chance of them mixing with items for your brown bin or ending up in your black bin.
- ★ **Sssshhhhh!** Please consider people living close to LRCs and only use glass banks between 8am and 8pm.
- ★ If a collection bank is full, do not leave glass bottles and jars on the floor. Overflowing collection banks should be reported to Test Valley Borough Council  
**Telephone:** 01264 368000 or 01794 527700  
**Report online or using the My Test Valley App**

### Glass recycling facts and figures

- ★ Glass can be recycled as individual colours (green, brown, clear) or mixed together.
- ★ Glass can be recycled over and over again without it losing quality.
- ★ Toughened glass (used for drinking glasses, vases, mirrors and windows) cannot be recycled because it contains additional chemicals that gives it a higher melting point than bottles and jars.
- ★ In the UK, by recycling our glass, we save enough energy to chill 34 bottles of wine each day for every household!



## Textiles and Shoes

### Yes please

Clean clothes in bags  
Curtains  
Sheets  
Blankets  
Towels  
Shoes (in pairs)

### No thanks

Dirty cloths and rags  
Pillows  
Cushions  
Duvets

### Hints and tips for recycling clothes and shoes:

- ★ Clothes should be put in bags and tied securely to keep them clean and dry.
- ★ Shoes should be in pairs, either tied together by the laces or in a bag.
- ★ Clothes that are in a wearable condition are used in three ways:
  - ★ Donated to people in crisis
  - ★ Sold in charity shops
  - ★ Sent to be sold in countries where clothes are not widely affordable or available.
- ★ Clothes that are damaged or in poor condition can still be recycled in textile collection banks. These items are shredded and used to make carpet underlay, sound proofing in cars and insulation.
- ★ Textile banks usually have instructions on them for reporting them as full.

### Textiles recycling facts and figures

- ★ An estimated £140 million worth of clothing is wasted every year.
- ★ The average UK household owns around £4,000 worth of clothes, but around 30% hasn't been worn for at least a year.
- ★ Extending the average life of clothes by nine months would save £5 billion in resources used to supply, launder and dispose of clothing.



## Aluminium Foil

### Yes please

Kitchen foil  
Foil baking trays  
Foil takeaway boxes  
Foil pie dishes  
Foil sweet and chocolate wrappers

### No thanks

Crisp packets  
Plastic foil lined bags  
Pet food pouches  
Pill strips

### Hints and tips for recycling aluminium foil

- ★ Collect foil in a small bag, separated from the recycling that will be going in your brown bin.
- ★ Takeaway trays should be empty and rinsed to remove any excess food.
- ★ Some items, like crisp packets, can look like aluminium foil, but are actually made from plastic film coated in metal. These items cannot be recycled and must be placed in your black bin.
- ★ **Scrunch test-** To check if an item is made from foil or metallised plastic film, simply scrunch the item in your hand. If it remains 'scrunched' it is foil; if it springs back then it is metallised plastic film and cannot be recycled.

### Aluminium foil recycling facts and figures

- ★ Aluminium cannot be recycled in your brown bin because it cannot be accurately sorted from other items at the Materials Recovery Facility.
- ★ Aluminium is the world's second most used metal and can be recycled over and over again without it losing quality.
- ★ Aluminium recycling is 95% more efficient than manufacturing new foil.
- ★ In Test Valley, foil is collected, sorted and crushed by Magpie Community Recycling which provides opportunities for people with learning disabilities to learn new skills.



## Books and Media

### Yes please

Paperback books  
Hardback books  
Children's books  
DVDs and CDs in cases  
Computer and console games in cases

### No thanks

Damaged books with missing pages  
Magazines  
Individual discs without cases  
Promotional discs received in magazines or newspapers

### Hints and tips for recycling books and media

- ★ Make sure books are not damaged or missing any pages.
- ★ Items can be placed in bags before putting them in the collection banks.
- ★ Make sure discs are in the correct cases.
- ★ Make sure box sets and multiple disc packs are complete.

### Books and media recycling facts and figures

- ★ Books cannot be recycled with other paper items because they contain glue to bind them together.

## Food and Drink Cartons

### Yes please

Fruit juice  
Milk  
Soup  
Baby food

### No thanks

Plastic coated paper  
Laminated paper

### Hints and tips for recycling food and drink cartons:

- ★ Find out where your nearest collection banks are. Collection banks can be found at:
  - ★ Fleming Avenue, North Baddesley, SO52 9EP
  - ★ George Yard Car Park, Andover Town Centre, SP10 1PD
  - ★ Romsey Bus Station, Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8GT
  - ★ Tesco Extra, River Way, Andover, SP10 1UZ
  - ★ Valley Park Community Centre Car Park, Pilgrims Close, SO53 4ST
- ★ Rinse and squash empty cartons to save space
- ★ Remove lids where possible

### Food and drink carton recycling facts and figures

- ★ Cartons are made from 2 or 3 materials:
  - ★ paperboard made from wood fibre (typically 75%)
  - ★ low density plastic polyethylene (typically 21%)
  - ★ aluminium foil (typically 4% and only in long-life packages)
- ★ Carton banks are emptied by a large machine that acts like a vacuum to suck cartons out of the bank before they are taken to a paper mill in Yorkshire to be turned into new cartons.
- ★ For information and videos about carton recycling in Test Valley visit [www.ace-uk.co.uk](http://www.ace-uk.co.uk)

