

Where does your recycling go?



You're working hard recycling all those items but what happens to them once we've picked them up? Well, they all go to our sorting facility at Norton near Pershore, run by Severn Waste Services, who then prepare them for processing into other products. Here is what happens next:



Food and drink cans – Steel cans go for reprocessing at Pontypool in South Wales and the recycled steel is used in anything from new cars to bridges and of course new drinks cans. Aluminium cans go to a plant in Oldbury in the West Midlands and as well as new cans end up in cars and aeroplanes amongst other things.

Mixed glass bottles and jars – are sent for reprocessing at Ellsemere Port in Cheshire and used to produce new glass bottles and aggregates for road construction.



Plastic bottles and containers – different types of plastic go to different places including plants in Castleford, Liverpool, Redcar, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Dagenham. Some PET (fizzy drinks bottles) go to Spijk in Holland. Recycled plastic is used in numerous products from garden furniture to pipes and even clothing.

Paper – goes to outlets across the UK and Europe including a local business in Worcestershire. Recycled paper has many uses such as newspaper, books and boxes for board games.



Cartons – these are sent to outlets across the UK and Europe. They can be used for anything from paper towels to toilet paper and some plants even turn them into environmentally friendly building materials.

Cardboard – gets sent to various places across the UK and Europe and is turned into a variety of new card based products.



All this from your recycling. Thank you for making a difference.