

Stoche Acre

Waste Minimisation Guide

In today's society, reducing waste and promoting sustainable practices have become paramount. Households play a crucial role in minimising waste production and adopting eco-friendly habits. This resident pack aims to provide a comprehensive guide on how households within Stoché Acre can reduce waste and contribute to a cleaner environment.



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Measures to Prevent Waste Generation:

The first step towards sustainable waste management is to minimise waste generation. Here are some measures you can take:

- Purchase wisely: Consider the lifespan and durability of products before buying them. Opt for items with less packaging or choose bulk options to reduce waste. you can even take your reusable bottle out with you and reduce your chances of buying single use plastic bottles or cans whilst you're out. Everyday items such as clingfilm, teabags and food containers all have zero-waste options too - there are so many ways you can cut down on single-use items!
- Reduce food waste: Plan meals, make shopping lists, and store food properly to minimise food waste. Use leftovers creatively or consider composting (more on this later).
- Say no to single-use items: Carry reusable shopping bags, water bottles, coffee cups, and utensils to reduce the consumption of single-use items.

www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/

Reuse of Domestic Items

In Stoke Golding, we have several local services that facilitate the reuse of domestic items. Instead of discarding unwanted belongings, consider these options:

- Charity shops and second-hand stores: Donate your used clothing, furniture, electronics, and household items to local charities or second-hand stores. Used furniture can also be donated to the Work Link Project. Link below.
- Online platforms: Utilise platforms like Vinted, Freecycle, Freegle, local Facebook groups, or websites for free item exchanges, where you can find or offer items that are still usable. Links below.
- Repair and repurpose: Before throwing away broken items, explore repair options. Stoke Golding has skilled repair professionals who can fix appliances, electronics, and other household goods. Alternatively, groups like the Hinckley Fixers can repair your items where possible. You can also repurpose certain items creatively, giving them a new lease on life. Links below.

www.lesswaste.org.uk/reuse/

www.worklinkproject.org

www.vinted.co.uk • www.freecycle.org • www.ilovefreegle.org

www.therestartproject.org/groups/hinckley-fixers

Home Composting

Composting is an excellent way to divert organic waste from landfill and produce nutrient-rich soil improver for your gardens. We encourage you to start composting at home:

- Compost bin: Obtain a compost bin from the local garden centre or hardware store. Place kitchen scraps like fruit and vegetable peel, coffee grounds, and garden waste like grass clippings and leaves into the bin. Avoid meat, dairy, and oily items. Turn the compost occasionally to speed up the process. You can even use the compost as mulch for your garden.
- Food waste digester: Alternatively, you can consider obtaining a food waste digester for your home. These devices break down food waste quickly and efficiently, producing usable plant or garden nutrients within a short period.

<http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/compost/>

Household Waste Recycling

The Recycling and Household Waste Site in Barwell is a convenient facility for disposing of various types of waste responsibly. Here are the essential details:

Location: Barwell Waste Site, Stapleton Lane, Barwell, LE9 8HE.

Opening times can be found on their website.

Alternatively, other sites can be found across the county:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling>

Facilities available: The recycling centre accepts items such as paper, cardboard, glass, plastic bottles, metal cans, textiles, small electrical appliances, and garden waste. They also accept items like white goods, non-recyclable household waste (black bags, carpet, mattresses etc), and scrap metal. For a full list of items, please visit the Leicestershire County Council website for the Barwell centre.

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/find-a-recycling-and-household-waste-site/barwell-recycling-and-household-waste-site>

For chemicals or liquid paint you will need to apply for a free waste permit. Please note that Whetstone Recycling and Household Waste Site is the only site that can accept liquid paint.

Chemical waste will need to be taken to the Tradebe site in Hinkley.

Home Recycling

Collection days for Recycling Services: To ensure effective recycling, it is essential to know your collection days for recycling services.

www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/binsrecyclingandrubbish

Please refer to the information provided by the local council or visit their website for specific details.

<http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/recycle/items-accepted-for-recycling-at-casepak/>

If you require it, Hinkley and Bosworth Borough Council also offer a bulky waste collection

<http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/largeitem>

PLEASE NOTE: Batteries and Electrical Equipment should be kept out of both recycling and general waste bins. Information about where to take these can be found on the link below:

<https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/>

Items That Can Be Recycled

Recycling helps conserve resources and reduce the environmental impact of waste disposal. Here are common items that can be recycled:

- **Paper and cardboard:** Newspapers, magazines, cardboard boxes, office paper. Please note that items like tissue paper, wrapping paper with embellishments/glitter/textiles, kitchen paper and photographs will not be accepted. See <http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/recycle/items-accepted-for-recycling-at-casepak/> for more information.
- **Glass:** Bottles, jars, and containers.
- **Plastic:** Plastic bottles, containers, and packaging. Check with your local council to see what can be recycled locally.
- **Soft plastics:** These can also be recycled at some large supermarkets—check the packaging and the website of your local large supermarkets websites to see what can be recycled.
- **Metal:** Aluminium cans, steel cans, and food tins.
- **Textiles:** Old clothing, shoes, bedding, and curtains. Consider donating wearable items before recycling.

Please note that textiles cannot be placed in the kerbside recycling bin, and will need to be separately collected in a red bag supplied by Hinkley and Bosworth Borough Council.

https://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200255/new_bin_caddy_or_bag/1124/red_bag

Remember, proper sorting and clean recyclables increase the efficiency of recycling processes.

Avoid placing non-recyclable or contaminated items in recycling bins. See link below.

<http://www.lesswaste.org.uk/recycle/items-accepted-for-recycling-at-casepak/>

By adopting sustainable waste management behaviours,
we can protect the environment, conserve resources, and
contribute to a healthier community.