

What are plastic bags and wrapping?

‘Plastic bags and wrapping’ refers to the flexible plastic packaging that typically bends easily and can include bags, removable lids/liners (yoghurt pot lids) and wrappings. Plastic bags and wrapping are most commonly used to protect products such as sweets/chocolates, snack foods, frozen foods, bakery, fresh produce, meat, dairy, processed foods, cosmetics, personal care, householder detergents, and beverage bottle/can wrappings.

Why has Sherbourne introduced a plastic bags and wrapping recycling collection service?

North Warwickshire Borough Council has partnered with seven other Local Authorities to invest in Sherbourne Resource Park, a state-of-the-art recycling facility.

With high recovery rates (up to 99%) Sherbourne is able to ensure all recycling stays in the U.K. Currently in the UK, only 7% of plastic bags and wrapping are recycled and the Sherbourne Resource Park facility is the first in the country to accept plastic bags and wrapping as part of commingled kerbside collections well ahead of new Government targets.

Can I still take my plastic bags and wrapping to front of store points to recycle?

Now that plastic bags and wrapping collections are available, please recycle your plastic bags and wrapping in your recycling bin from your next collection.

Can I put all types of plastic bags and wrapping into my recycling bin?

All types of plastic bags and wrapping that can be recycled are available as a list on our website.

What is the environmental benefit of recycling plastic bags and wrapping?

Sherbourne is working on behalf of partner councils to recycle in a more efficient and sustainable way. Recycling plastic bags and wrapping lessens the reliance on use of virgin plastics (plastic that has never been recycled). Currently in the U.K, only 7% of plastic bags and wrapping are recycled, and offering this additional service helps increase that figure.

What can recycled plastic bags and wrapping be turned into?

Recycled plastic bags and wrapping can be used to make a range of new plastic products such as, plastic packaging, 'bags for life', boxes, bins, and agricultural and construction materials, reducing the reliance on virgin plastic.

For longer term, the aim is to support turning recycled plastic bags and wrapping into plastic packaging for food, enabling the UK to create a fully circular model for using this type of plastic material.

What happens to my plastic bags and wrapping?

You can now include plastic bags and wrappings in your kerbside recycling bin, which will be taken to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) operated by Sherbourne Recycling in Coventry.

At Sherbourne, plastic bags and wrappings are extracted at multiple points during the sorting process using high velocity suction. Once separated this material is baled and sent to a U.K. based partner in the Midlands who mixes the material with other plastic polymers to create black plastic bag products.