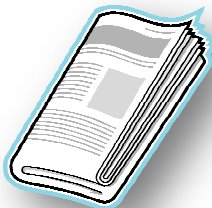


Where does all the rubbish go?

Households in Epping Forest district were the second highest in Essex for recycling last year. In total they recycled 37.09% of all their domestic rubbish. But have you ever wondered what happens to the rubbish you carefully separate and put out for the refuse collectors?

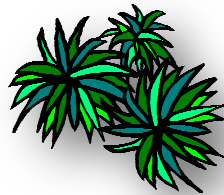


Dry recycling – that's paper, card, cans and plastic bottles – is collected fortnightly in clear sacks. It's taken to a recycling sorting facility in Rainham, Essex where the mixed materials are sorted by hand and machines into separate piles. The individual materials are then sold back to re-processors to begin the cycle again.

Glass bottles and jars go to a glass bulking station in Dagenham, Essex and are then transported to Ardagh Glass (formerly Rockware Glass) in Knottingley, Yorkshire – the largest glass bottle and jar manufacturer in England – to be reprocessed into new glass bottles and jars. Even with the cost of transportation taken into account, there is still a saving of 314kg of carbon emissions per tonne of glass recycled, not to mention the savings on natural resources.



Degradable green waste, collected households within the district, goes Stondon Massey, Brentwood where valuable soil improver. This is sold and to residents in 50 litre bags through Centres for Household Waste within the are at Luxborough Lane, Chigwell; Mill Lane, High Ongar and Brooker Road, Waltham Abbey.



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