



WASTE AND RECYCLING

Priority

Our priority is to minimise domestic waste production and maximise the recycling of waste.

Concerns

- Waste per household above national average.
- Shortage of landfill sites for waste in the longer term.
- Government Recycling targets for domestic waste of 14% (2003/04) and 21% (2005/06).
- Difficulty of disposing of garden waste.



Collecting household waste in Babergh

What is being done

- Pink sacks for collection of recyclable material.
- Blue wheelie bins replacing pink sacks.
- Over 100 recycling collection points for bottles, paper and other materials across district.

- Recycling rate increased from 8% in 1999/2000 to 24% in 2003/04.
- “Sort It” environmental newspaper.
- Pilot garden waste collection service.
- Encouragement and advice on home composting. Over 60% of households do some.
- Provision of black bins for home composting at special rates.
- Successful bid with other Suffolk districts for Government grant for garden waste collection and composting facilities.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Coming Year

- Completion of the introduction of blue bins for recyclable material across the district.
- Garden waste collection with brown wheelie bins for residents willing to pay for the service. Reduced charge for residents on Housing or Council Tax Benefit.

Within the 10 year period

- Implement 10 year Waste Management strategy in partnership with other Suffolk authorities.
- Increasing overall recycling rates to:-
28% in 2004/05
30% in 2005/06
60% in 2010 (subject to additional Government funding)
- Develop improved facilities for collection of glass and other materials.
- Ongoing encouragement and publicity for home composting.
- Collection of waste electrical equipment.
- Periodic free collection of bulky household goods.

One of Babergh's many Bring Sites

