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Information sheet

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Factsheets show the value of waste

It is around £80 cheaper to recycle a tonne of waste from the re3* area than it is to send it to landfill. Burying our rubbish in a landfill is simply a waste of resources that could go on to have a new life as something else.

40 individual material factsheets cover everything from plastics to scrap metal, and furniture to used engine oil. Created as easy to understand infographics, each one advises on where the material can be recycled and how it might be reused once processed.

Recycled plastic bottles can be made into fleece jackets or garden furniture; used battery components can be recycled for use in the agricultural, steel and electronics industries; and stainless steel cutlery can be reused in surgical instruments or even passenger trains.

Ideas for residents to use at home to help them to waste less, save money and recycle better include information on reducing food waste, lists of what can be taken to recycling centres, and upcycling and reuse tips for everyday objects like cutlery, wood and drinks cartons.

Very informative factsheets are available online at www.re3.org.uk

Wokingham Borough Council's Executive Member for Environment Cllr Angus Ross

"These factsheets are another tool to help educate, inform and encourage our residents to recycle more. Whilst they are good recyclers there is still more we can do. Protecting our environment and delivering cost effective services are key priorities and there are clear environmental and economic benefits to improving our recycling rate."

Adrian Clarke, General Manager for contractor FCC Environment

"At FCC Environment, we see on a daily basis the items that people put out for recycling and the items that they don't. We understand that it can be confusing, so anything that simplifies things is a great help. The factsheets with the simple four step approach make things much clearer and we really hope they help local residents to understand what a positive impact they can have to our environment by recycling even more."

**re3 is a waste management partnership between Bracknell Forest, Reading and Wokingham Borough Councils and FCC Environment. The partnership's aims are to develop solutions for the management of waste in Central Berkshire and to encourage people to reduce, reuse and recycle more of their waste.*

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