

Domestic waste & recycling

Q: What do I need to know about domestic waste (rubbish) and recycling?

A: Torfaen County Borough Council are the body who are responsible for the control and collection of domestic waste, including recycling. If you want to know more about waste, recycling or just to order a bin you should call them on **01495 762200**. They also have Waste Awareness Officers who can call to provide specific advice and support.

Help us to make sure that your bins are used and stored correctly.

- All household waste must be kept inside your bin and you should make sure the lid is closed at all times. Please do not dispose of your refuse inside anyone else's bins, in stairwells of flats or in public spaces.
- Rubbish bins should be put out for collection no later than 7.30 a.m. on the day of collection. Your collection day is _____ every week/fortnight. Bins must then be taken back from the collection point no later than 7.30 p.m. on the day of collection.
- Bulky items can be collected by the Council. Please call them on **01495 762200** to arrange a collection. When you have arranged a special collection please only put items outside on the day of collection.
- For a replacement bin, report a missed collection or to report problems with the bins you can call the Council on **01495 762200**.

Q: Can I recycle furniture and other large items?

A: The worldwide **Freecycle Network** is made up of many individual groups across the globe. It's a grassroots movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Freecycle operate locally in Torfaen & Newport. Visit www.freecycle.org/group/uk/wales

Circulate is a furniture recycling project that has a full range of quality household items. Prices start from just £20 for a sofa. They also offer a bespoke carpentry service at their 'Wood Wise' project. Circulate, Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas Industrial Estate, Blaenavon. Contact telephone **01495 793187**

Freegle - Don't throw it away - give it away!

You might not need your old sofa or wheelbarrow any more - but there might be someone just round the corner who does. Or if there is something you would like, someone nearby might have one that they might just throw away if they don't know what else to do with it.

Freegle is a national grassroots organisation of people who are giving and receiving free unwanted items in their immediate communities. Local charities, non-profit groups and communities are encouraged to join. All groups follow one simple rule - all offers and requests must be freegle (free and legal).

Visit the Torfaen Freegle site and find out more at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FreegleTorfaenUK/>