

Our guide to waste reduction and recycling in Salisbury

	What	Where	Details and Contacts
WASTE REDUCTION	Salisbury Market	Market Square and The Maltings	Fresh fruit, veg and other produce, mostly available with minimal packaging, or bring your own bags and containers.
	Charity shops	Various locations	Donate or buy good second-hand items to save waste, find bargains and support good causes
	Refill shops	Blueberry Den (Winchester St); Well Natural (Queen St) Dorset Dairies (at Central Fruits stall, Maltings)	Save plastic containers by getting your empties refilled. Food, toiletries and cleaning products at Blueberry Den; cleaning products at Well Natural; fresh dairy produce on market days at Dorset Dairies
	Share Salisbury	Wessex Community Action Office, Unit 6, Whittle Road, Churchfields Industrial Estate, Salisbury, SP2 7YR	A wide range of household items, tools, toys, camping equipment available to hire - a 'library of things'. Why buy things you only use occasionally? www.sharesalisbury.co.uk
	Best at hire	Faraday Road, Churchfields, Salisbury, SP2 7NR	Tool hire available on payment of deposit either in store or online (click and collect or delivered) www.bestathire.co.uk
	Salisbury Repair Café	Quench , Churchfields Industrial Estate	Operates once a month (Saturdays), with skilled volunteers available to fix various items www.salisburyrepaircafe.org
	Rise:61 Bike Hub	St Michaels Community Centre, SP2 9LE	Social enterprise in Bemerton Heath teaching young people to fix and maintain bikes, also sells repaired cycles https://www.rise61.org
RECYCLING	Council Services	Kerbside collection service and Household Recycling Centres	Full details on website at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling
	Terracycle	Attwood Road, Laverstock	Most recyclable items, including face masks (charge 13p per mask); kindnessnaturally@hotmail.com
	Plastic bags and other 'soft' plastic	Salisbury supermarkets: Tesco Extra (Southampton Rd), Tesco (Castle St), Sainsbury, Waitrose and Co-op (Wilton Rd)	Drop off points for carrier bags and other bags etc. (see signage): Tesco Extra entrance; Tesco Castle St rear entrance; Sainsbury by tills furthest from door; Waitrose by exit and Co-op by entrance.
	Other plastic and packaging	Recycle for Wiltshire Air Ambulance Drop off at Phoenix Emporium, Tollgate Rd. Salisbury recycles for Medic to Medic Various drop off points, mostly residential	Large number of individual schemes which change from time to time - best check with website or by email for current schemes: www.recycle4waa.co.uk and recycle4m2m@gmail.com
	Water filters	Various shops	Robert Dyas (Maltings); Sainsbury; Well Natural (Queen St); Tesco Extra
	Batteries	Various shops	Lidl (Southampton Rd); Robert Dyas; Sainsbury; Tesco Extra
	Inkjet cartridges	Various shops	Ryman (Queen St - also recycles pens). W.H. Smith (Old George Mall), Tesco Extra

Why reduce waste?

Our planet has limited resources of raw materials, and a limited capacity to absorb the pollution we create every time we transform those resources into goods and products. Our planet's whole life support system is now in danger, because our consumer society has stressed those limits beyond what can provide a sustainable future for ourselves and for future generations. We have to cut down on the amount we consume and pollute, and the first step in this process is to reduce the amount we waste.

This Guide will help you recycle as much as possible, including things which our councils do not presently collect, but recycling alone will not solve the problems we face.

The Waste Hierarchy

Recycling can reduce the amount of new material entering the system, and the energy needed to process it, but this can only ever be a part of the solution. We all need to use the 'waste hierarchy' approach, as it is far better to reduce the amount of stuff we use in the first place, reuse what we have, and re-purpose items where possible, before finally throwing what's left in the recycle bin or compost – hopefully with nothing left for landfill.

Recycling is good for high value and easily recyclable waste such as glass, paper and metal, but the picture is very different for plastic. It is a low value and costly material to recycle, and plastic waste can pretty much last forever. Ideally, single-use plastics should be eliminated completely, and other plastic use reduced as far as possible.

Don't throw it all away

We have to move on from the 20th century model of a throw-away society where we continually buy more new things to one in which things are made to last and to be repairable. Another great way to reduce/re-use is to try our many great charity and secondhand shops and keep an eye out for car-boot sales, bric a brac stalls and jumble sales at churches and community events.

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