

Suffolk Waste Composition Analysis Results (General rubbish bin)

2019

In 2019 Suffolk Waste Partnership carried out a waste composition analysis of Suffolk's general rubbish bins to determine just how well we are doing with our recycling. By surveying all districts at multiple addresses across the county, we were able to make it as representative for Suffolk as we possibly could (sample size was 350 households). The information is useful to us as it allows us to see what we are doing well and not so well at when it comes to certain materials going to the correct place:

Material	Sub-categories	KG per Household per Fortnight	Tonnes of Suffolk Household Waste per Year	% Proportion of Waste
PAPER	Newspaper & magazines	0.14 KG	1114 T	0.73%
	Catalogues, Directories, Books	0.04 KG	1270 T	0.83%
	Junk Mail, Envelopes, All Other Recyclable Paper	0.16 KG	875 T	0.57%
	Kitchen Towels / Paper tissue	0.57 KG	6439 T	4.22%
	Shredded paper	0.03 KG	606 T	0.40%
	Other non-recyclable paper	0.12 KG	1136 T	0.74%
CARD	Tetrapak cartons	0.03 KG	217 T	0.14%
	Corrugated Cardboard	0.1 KG	860 T	0.56%
	Thin packaging card	0.19 KG	1320 T	0.87%
	Thin non-packaging card	0.02 KG	121 T	0.08%
	Non-recyclable card	0.08 KG	739 T	1.15%
PLASTIC FILM	Packaging film	0.66 KG	6062 T	3.97%
	Carrier Bags	0.11 KG	1443 T	0.95%
	Refuse Sacks	0.1 KG	1652 T	1.08%
	All other film	0.02 KG	406 T	0.27%
DENSE PLASTIC	All Plastic Bottles	0.16 KG	1458 T	0.96%
	All Polystyrene & Blister Packs	0.04 KG	534 T	0.35%
	Recyclable Food packaging tubs, pots, trays & punnets	0.23 KG	2395 T	1.57%
	All Other Plastic Packaging Containers	0.08 KG	682 T	0.45%
	All Other dense plastic	0.35 KG	5110 T	3.35%
TEXTILES	All clothing & Shoes	0.43 KG	1146 T	3.01%
	Accessories	0.04 KG	290 T	0.19%
	Carpet & underlay	0.1 KG	1867 T	1.22%
	Clean bed linen, curtains, blankets & towels	0.08 KG	1505 T	0.99%
	All other textiles & All stuffed fabrics	0.11 KG	1146 T	0.75%
MISC COMBUSTIBLES	Furniture waste	0 KG	434 T	0.28%
	DIY based materials	0.12 KG	1061 T	0.70%
	All Wood	0.37 KG	2859 T	1.87%
	Disposable Nappies	1.03 KG	6821 T	4.47%
	All incontinence & absorbent hygiene products	0.41 KG	2724 T	1.79%
	All other	0.73 KG	6182 T	4.05%

MISC NON-COMBUSTIBLES	Plasterboard	0 KG	47 T	0.03%
	DIY rubble & ceramics	0.71 KG	5739 T	3.76%
	All other inc Pet Litter non-organic	0.5 KG	3017 T	1.98%
GLASS	Green packaging	0.14 KG	2495 T	1.64%
	Brown packaging	0.08 KG	365 T	0.24%
	Clear bottles	0.27 KG	2375 T	1.56%
	Clear jars	0.26 KG	3452 T	2.26%
	Other glass	0.06 KG	706 T	0.46%
FERROUS METAL	Drinks cans	0.01 KG	41 T	0.03%
	Food cans & tins	0.1 KG	1161 T	0.76%
	Aerosols	0.01 KG	187 T	0.12%
	Other ferrous packaging inc jar lids	0.01 KG	22 T	0.01%
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NON-FERROUS METAL	Drinks cans	0.06 KG	365 T	0.24%
	Food cans & tins	0 KG	67 T	0.04%
	Aerosols	0.02 KG	166 T	0.11%
	Aluminium foil & trays	0.08 KG	859 T	0.56%
	Other non-ferrous	0.03 KG	598 T	0.39%
GARDEN WASTE	Flora organics	0.88 KG	2725 T	1.79%
	Soil & turf	0.16 KG	2678 T	1.76%
PUTRESCIBLES	All fully packaged & unopened Home Compostable food waste	0.61 KG	4931 T	3.23%
	All fully packaged & unopened Non-Home Compostable food waste	1.73 KG	9894 T	6.49%
	All Loose Home Compostable food waste - Unused	2.08 KG	22618 T	14.83%
	All Loose Non-Home Compostable food waste - Unused	1.45 KG	13788 T	9.04%
	All Mixed unsortable Food Waste	0.26 KG	418 T	0.27%
	Herbivorous Pet Straw & Sawdust Bedding	0.15 KG	785 T	0.51%
	Consumable Liquids, Fats & Oils	0.16 KG	1510 T	0.99%
FINES	Particles passing a 10mm screen	0.27 KG	2450 T	1.61%
HHW	Household Batteries	0.01 KG	77 T	0.05%
	Other Separately listed	0.08 KG	1032 T	0.68%
WEEE	Separately listed	0.12 KG	834 T	0.55%
TOTAL		17.08 KG	152,560 T	