

## Recycle and Reuse – Green Knowledge Pack sample

This is an extract from the full Green Knowledge Pack that accompanies the Recycle and Reuse Workgreen Discussion. For more information about Workgreen see [www.workgreen.co.uk](http://www.workgreen.co.uk) or contact [sales@newgenerationlearning.com](mailto:sales@newgenerationlearning.com)

**Did you know?** Examples to include in a Discussion or follow up activity.

- Industrial and commercial waste accounts for a ¼ of all waste and about half of this goes to landfill. Anything that prevents this, like avoiding packaging and recycling, will help
- The amount of electrical waste the UK creates annually would fill the new Wembley stadium six times over
- Recycled plastic and aluminium uses only 5% of the energy that creating it from raw materials would need. Basically we get 1 new can for every 20 recycled – and 5bn are sold every year!

**A green 'myth buster'**

- **Natural waste such as food and paper are better sent to landfill because they biodegrade...** landfill is the worst way of disposing of biodegradable material. The bacteria that breaks it down produces methane, a greenhouse gas 23 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>

**Sample top office tips**

- Separate clean office paper from lower quality newspapers/magazines, brochures and envelopes
- Add the reminder 'Recycle this item when you have finished with it' to your emails and correspondence
- Reuse envelopes and packaging where you can, particularly for internal mail; check if other departments can use your waste packaging

**Examples of being a Waster**

- Not bothering to recycle. We currently recycle 33% of all rubbish, but ¾ of packaging waste could be recycled; only half of household glass is recycled
- Using disposable materials in place of reusable items e.g. refillable containers; mugs rather than disposable cups; rechargeable batteries