


The average family creates over **1,600 kg** of household waste **every year**

**365kg** per family is sent to **landfill** in the UK every year

**768kg** per family gets recycled in the UK every year

**467kg** per family is treated / incinerated / used for back filling e.g. road bases every year

 New **paper** (not made from recycled content) is made from trees.

 **15 billion trees** are cut down each year to make paper.

We need trees to absorb carbon dioxide and produce the oxygen we need.

  
Glass and metal are made from natural materials.

Glass is melted sand



Metal is mined from the earth

Both take a lot of energy to make into packaging.

## Your Packaging: Make good choices now!

At current rate, **landfill** will be **full by 2030**



Only **10 – 30%** of packaging sold contains recycled materials.

Plastic is generally made from fossil fuels – crude oil, which take **millions of years** to form. If we carry on using **new plastics** at the same rate, we will run out of crude oil in **40–50 years**



**Recycling doesn't solve all problems, but it really does help**



Recycle as much as possible from the kitchen, bathroom, snacks and drinks.

**730 million** pieces of litter dropped in the UK per year



This would fill **Wembley Stadium**

**96 times**

Packaging that's dropped in the streets can get washed away with rainwater and end up in the ocean

One plastic bottle in the ocean can take **450 years** to break down to micro plastics (pieces smaller than 5mm)



Packaging in the ocean / environment leads to sea life / animals eating packaging thinking it is food and can cause them to die

Some scientists have estimated that the average person might eat



**5g** of microplastic **in a week**