

## Shrink Your Waste Footprint in 2022

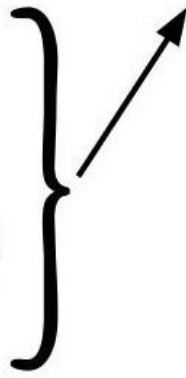
Looking for an environmentally sustainable New Year's resolution? One of our #HuntsWasteBusters looks at what makes up our landfilled waste.

In 2020, Huntingdonshire residents sent over 29,000 tonnes of waste to the landfill. Much of this could have been directed elsewhere. Recycling, reusing and composting are the keys to cutting our waste footprint.

In 2019 the council completed a waste analysis. They found that over 70% of the contents could have avoided the landfill. Our blue bins can take a lot more items than you might expect and the council can make compost from our green bin waste. Many soft plastics can now be recycled at larger supermarkets. Our Household Waste Recycling Centres accept a range of materials from paint tins to small electricals. Terracycle schemes also offer local drop-off points to recycle a wide variety of items.

### What's in our bins?

- Charity Donations
- Reusable items
- Terracycle
- Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Supermarket soft plastics recycling



2019 audit of household bin waste collected by HDC.

The most important change you can make in 2022 is to tackle your food waste. Keep a bucket or caddy near your kitchen bin so it's easy to collect your food scraps, kitchen roll and tea bags. Add this to your green bin with your garden waste.

Huntingdonshire is already leading the way on waste reduction. We achieved the 33rd highest recycling rate across all 317 English councils in 2019/20. Follow Huntingdonshire Recycles on social media for tips and reminders. Let's all make a New Year's resolution to shrink our waste footprint and help Huntingdonshire climb to #1!