

Data Summary

584kt

of household plastic packaging collected for recycling - an **overall increase of 24kt or 4%**.

This consists of...

Plastic Bottles
67%

29%
Plastic Pots, Tubs & Trays

Plastic Film
4%

78%

of Local Authorities reported a **noticeable impact to their collection services** due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Of those who have seen an increase in both litter and fly-tipping in 2020

65%

said both have **increased as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic**

Household Collection Rates

Overall **41%**



61% Plastic Bottles

36% Plastic PTT

8% Plastic Film



Drinks Bottle Collection Rates

75% PET bottles

78% natural HDPE bottles

Non-drinks bottles **45%**

Just over **14 billion**

plastic bottles are used each year in the UK

8.6 billion

Collected for recycling

5.4 billion

NOT collected for recycling



Advice to Citizens

Empty & rinse

Lids on bottles

28%

73%

Flatten & squash

46%



21kg

of plastic packaging collected per household

14kg Plastic Bottles

6kg Plastic PTT

1kg Plastic Film



66% of Local Authorities

ran a recycling communication campaign in the last 12 months.

Of these, **46%**

said 'reducing contamination' was the main focus of the campaign.

1,174,000 tonnes

of plastic packaging declared as recycled from all sectors in 2020

Recycling rate of just over **56%**

50%

Provide 'On-the-Go' street recycling bins



64%

Collect plastics separately at HWRCs

~59%

of UK waste plastic packaging are exported for sorting and recycling

Main export destination **Turkey**



At kerbside, Local Authorities collect recycling materials:

50%

Source Separated

50%

Comingled

75%

use **wheel bins** to collect plastic for recycling at kerbside

Blue bins were the most common



Key Policy Areas



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) in Scotland

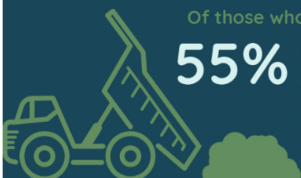
Single-Use Plastics (SUP)

Consistency in Household and Business Recycling in England

The Plastic Packaging Tax

73%

of Local Authorities reported **fly-tipping** to be a **greater concern** in their area than litter



Of those who shared an opinion **55%** felt their area was predominantly free of litter and refuse apart from small items

379

Local Authorities in the UK in 2020



100%

Collect plastic bottles

87%

Collect plastic PTT

13%

Collect plastic Film

Residual Waste Treatment

65%

Energy Recovery

35%

Landfill

14%

reported they recover recyclables from residual waste streams

UK HOUSEHOLD PLASTICS COLLECTION SURVEY

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