

# WHY

## recycle?

Recycling is one of the best ways for us to have a positive impact on the world in which we live.

When we recycle, used materials are converted into new products. This reduces the need to extract raw materials from the Earth through mining and forestry and helps to protect the natural environment.

Recycling also uses less energy than that required for producing new products from raw materials and so it helps to preserve natural resources for the future.



## WHERE DOES IT GO?

We don't have lots of recycling industries in Jersey so we have to export most things to the UK or Europe for recycling. Here is what happens to your recycling:



Metal packaging is exported to the UK. The metals are sorted, melted down and used to make new cans, car parts and bicycles for example.



Glass is crushed on Island and reused as a building material, reducing the need for imported material or quarrying.



Batteries are exported and their precious metals recovered in the UK and Europe.



Plastic bottles are recycled into items like garden furniture and even clothing.



Paper is exported to a mill that recycles it into paper for new magazines and newspapers.



Electricals are exported to the UK where they are separated into their component parts. The metals and plastics are recovered and go back into the manufacturing industry.



Cardboard is sent to a mill that recycles it into new boxes and packaging.



Textiles are sorted into grades of quality, the best are reused and damaged textiles are shredded and used in insulation and car seats.



Fluorescent tubes and light bulbs are exported to Europe for specialist separation into their component parts which can then be reprocessed.

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