

## KERRY

Material	Destination	Final Destination	End Product
<b>PLASTICS</b>	Clearpoint, Co.Tipperary	Plastics Recycled, 1264 Serento Plaza, Hong Kong	Fleece Clothing Toys Plastic Products
		Lee Plastics, St. Helen's, Merseyside, Liverpool	
<b>PAPER</b>	Marwin, Cork	RAMA Newsprint, India	Paper Products and Paper Packaging
<b>GLASS</b>	Quinn Glass, Fermanagh	Quinn Glass, Fermanagh	Recycled as Glass Bottles and Jars
<b>ALUMINIUM</b>	Novalis (Alcan), UK	Novalis (Alcan), UK	Recycled as Aluminium
<b>STEEL</b>	Alternative Waste Solutions, UK	UK firm, Registered with Environment Agency	Recycled as Steel
<b>CARDBOARD</b>	Dillons, Tralee	Perry & Evans, UK and Jialong Paper, China Marmnew Trading and PT Pakerin, Indonesia	Cardboard Packaging
<b>BATTERIES</b>	KMK, Offaly	Accurac, Germany  UK Firm	Metals & Plastics Recycled. Acid is disposed of correctly All materials recycled
<b>TEXTILES</b>	Shannon Textiles, Killeely Road, Thomondgate, Limerick	Cookstown Textile Recyclers, 36 Magheralane Rd, Randalstown, Co. Antrim.	Usable clothing sold on in Asia and Africa and remainder of material is used in the rag trade or shredded and used as packing fiber.



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# RECYCLING

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MANAGING WASTE BETTER

# Everything you needed to know about recycling but were afraid to ask!

**Recycling is on the increase. In the Limerick, Clare and Kerry region over the past five years the recycling rate has jumped from an average of 9% to over 30%. This figure is expected to increase even further as more bring banks and recycling centers are opened to the public. The number of householders now participating in door to door collection of dry recyclable material is estimated to be well over 80,000 for the region.**

**Now is the time to start recycling in your home. If you do not have a collection service, find out where the nearest Recycling Centre is located. While recycling is a much better option than landfilling waste, it is even more effective to reduce the quantities of waste we produce in the first place. Always think waste minimisation when shopping.**

In 2007 there are 15 Recycling Centres and 215 Bring Bank sites in the Region.

So what happens all this material once it is collected from your local recycling centre or from your doorstep? Where does it go and what do they make from it?

After you put your waste materials in the recycling bank or container, they are usually taken to a central depot where the materials are sorted, bulked up and baled for transportation. Usually, even if materials are separated fully by the householder, there is still some further sorting to be undertaken, as there is likely to be a small amount of contamination with other materials. The bales are sent to reprocessors such as paper mills, glassmakers or plastic reprocessing plants where the material is processed for use in other applications or processed directly into a new product. In Ireland we send most of our waste abroad to be recycled, as we have not yet developed many reprocessing facilities. Some materials such as aluminium and glass can be recycled indefinitely as the process does not affect their structure or quality. Other materials, such as paper, require a mixture of waste and raw materials to manufacture a new product. With material such as plastic, the waste is converted into a granulate or pellet form which is then used in the manufacture of a recycled or part-recycled plastic product.

We encourage members of the public to donate textiles to charity shops for second hand use in the region. Some of the companies who collect textiles, sell them on where possible and run the service as a business.

## CLARE & LIMERICK RECYCLING DESTINATIONS

MATERIAL	COMPANY	END PRODUCT
<b>PLASTIC BOTTLES</b> <b>PLASTIC PACKAGING</b> Plastic Bottles Plastic Packaging	Alternative Waste Solutions Tyne & Wear UK Mr. Binman Choice Waste AWS Irish Polymers	Good grades China / pellets for new toys & other plastic products. poor grades Hong Kong / pellets for new toys and other plastic products.
<b>STEEL CANS/SCRAP METAL</b> Steel Cans Scrap Metal	Hegarty Metal Mr. Binman Galway Metal	Recycled as steel in Spain.
<b>WOOD</b>	Clean Ireland Finsa products, Scarriff, Co. Clare O'Neill's Kiawah Ltd, Littleton, Co. Tipperary	Chipboard - produced on site. Chipboard/ Shavings for bedding produced on site.
<b>GLASS</b>	Rehab, Quinn Glass Mr. Binman Berryman UK	Glass processed into cullet and recycled as glass containers.
<b>ALUMINIMUM CANS</b>	Mr. Binman Rehab in Cork - Galway Metal Howcan UK	Alu-Can in UK where material is recycled as new aluminium packaging.
<b>NEWSPAPERS</b>	Greyhound Peute Papers	Exported to China.
<b>CARDBOARD</b>	Greyhound Smurfit, Marwin, Peute Paper	Pulp and paper mills for reuse into paper products there as newspapers.
<b>BATTERIES</b>	KMK Returnbatt	Alkaline batteries transported to Germany for recycling Lead acid - lead acid battery plant in UK.
<b>FOOD CANS</b>	Clean Ireland Seafood Scrap Metals	Baled on site - Galway Metals on to Chorus UK Ltd.
<b>TEXTILES</b>	Irish Textile Recycling	Usable clothing exported to Africa and Eastern Europe, remainder is shredded in UK for packing material.