

Did you know that Kerbside Recycling is 5 years old this autumn?

We started off in September 2004 with a recycling rate of just 11% and now thanks to the dedication of Moray residents, who have taken the message on board this has risen to over 43%.

Of course there is always more to be done; with new targets set by the Scottish Government and an overall commitment to zero waste we cannot afford to be complacent. The Moray Council will be encouraging everyone to do a little bit more. Check out the website for details of all the items you can recycle at the kerbside or local recycling centres and points.



Remember you can make a difference.....



So don't bottle out, **remember to recycle.**

If we all pull together we'll hopefully hit those targets.



The Moray Council

Summer Recycling

The autumn months are approaching and the summer, such as it was, has come and gone. The Information Vehicle has been busy doing the rounds at local fetes and galas across the county from Archiestown to Portknockie and Miltonduff to Spey Bay, giving advice and information about the waste service. Whatever the weather has produced we've been out and about relaying the recycling message far and wide.

Generally, people seem to be aware of the different items that can be recycled, although not everyone knew that both aerosol cans and tetra packs (juice cartons) can be placed in the blue or orange boxes. Or alternatively they can be taken to one of the recycling points or centres and deposited in the appropriate skips there.

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Recycling Centres at Elgin, Keith, Buckie and Forres are open 7 days a week:-

- ***Monday – Saturday 8am – 4pm***
- ***Sunday 10am – 3pm***

Litter Picks

We know that Schools and Community Groups have been actively trying to cut down on the amount of litter in the playground and surrounding areas. Our supply of litter pickers and fluorescent vests have been out on loan a record number of times across the summer highlighting the increased awareness of our support in this area. Well done to all those who took part!

Eco Workshops

During the school's summer holiday The Waste Team, in conjunction with SCARF (Save cash and reduce fuel) and Waste Reduction Advisors from WRAP, ran several Eco Kids Workshops at local libraries. Children had the chance to make their own mini wind turbines, solar ovens, model paper 'eco' homes, sock puppets and newspaper plant pots with a supply of compost and seeds. The workshops were well attended with over 60 children taking part. Adults too came along for free advice with energy saving and waste reduction tips and could claim free low energy light bulbs and power down plugs.

Look out for similar events taking place in Buckie and Keith Libraries during the October break.

Recycling Week coincided with the best sunshine of the year and our visits to the Supermarkets and Recycling Centres gave members of the public an opportunity to make their pledges to try and divert even more waste from landfill by trying to recycle that little bit extra. Pledges ranged from buying a compost bin to recycling tetra packs in the blue box. The week ended with a visit to Portgordon Primary School where the pupils were keen to add their written pledges to Hector, our recycled dog's collar.



Hector waiting for the pupils to appear at Portgordon Primary School.