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How much rubbish? – prompt sheet

This sheet is designed to help you answer the questions on ‘how much rubbish? – ‘questions to consider’. This is not a definitive guide to information available on the Internet.

The internet is a very good resource for finding out global, national and local information on the environment. All government departments and local councils are now ‘online’, and many have search facilities to help you find what you are looking for. The links section of recycle-more contains useful website addresses. We advise you to look at our guidelines for Internet use before you begin.

To help find definitions look at:

- www.xrefer.com this contains encyclopaedias, thesauri, dictionaries and books of quotations.
- The recycle-more glossary

For information on the amount and types of waste produced in the UK look at the following websites.

www.defra.gov.uk – the newly formed Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs. This website contains waste statistic and regulatory information for England and Wales, although they are a little hard to find! Click on ‘environment’, then on the ‘former DETR pages on environmental protection’ you will see a section on waste and recycling. This contains the latest waste statistics, and the national waste strategy which details how waste will be managed in England and Wales.

www.sepa.org.uk – the Scottish Environment Protection Agency. The website contains the national waste strategy for Scotland – look under ‘regulation and licensing’

www.scotland.gov.uk/cru – the research part of the Scottish Executive, this contains some information on Scottish waste statistics. Look under ‘CRU publications’ then ‘environment publications’.

www.ehsni.gov.uk – Northern Ireland’s Environment and Heritage Service. This contains some information on the national waste strategy for Northern Ireland. Go to ‘environmental protection’, then ‘waste management’.

www.environment-agency.gov.uk – The regulators of waste management in England & Wales.

www.hms.o.gov.uk – the stationary office website, where you can view waste legislation and order consultation documents.



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For further information on how waste can affect the environment, animals and humans look at the following websites:

www.wwf-uk.org – the World Wide Fund for nature. Looks at how the distribution of plants and animals around the world is changing.

www.greenpeace.org – Greenpeace give some examples of problems, which can be caused by an irresponsible attitude to waste management on a global, national and local scale.

www.foe.org.uk - Friends of the Earth are an international environmental campaigning organisation. Their website gives some views on how waste can affect our environment and health.