


# What should Leeds do with its waste?

Tell Leeds City Council what you think



Leeds' waste weighs more than 850 Boeing 747's...



Our taste for waste is growing every year. Last year we collected around 340,000 tonnes of household waste. That's equivalent to the weight of 850 Boeing 747's, full of passengers and luggage!

## ...and it's still growing!

Every year we pay more money to deal with our waste. As well as extra costs, our waste is having a huge impact on our environment too. In Leeds most of our household waste is buried in the ground. As the rubbish rots it will release harmful greenhouse gases, which may contribute to global warming.

## Our haste to waste could cost us millions

The European Union and our government are demanding that cities reduce the amount of waste that they bury. If we don't take action we could be fined millions of pounds. Leeds City Council's Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds 2005-2035 sets out plans for dealing with our city's waste.

*We will face fines of £217 million by 2020 if we don't take action now.*

## Can we really have zero waste in Leeds?

Yes, we can and we'd like Leeds to be a zero waste city. By reducing, re-using, recycling and recovering value from all our waste we can use it as a resource.

# How do we become a zero waste city?

## ■ **Reducing our waste**

If we stop making so much waste we can save resources and energy, reduce pollution, provide cheaper goods and reduce demand for waste disposal. We want to reduce the city's waste by:

## ■ **Re-using our waste**


As well as using a product again or finding a new use for it, things can be 're-used' by borrowing, sharing, hiring, repairing or renting. Re-using is different from recycling because products are not broken down into their raw materials and reprocessed. Re-use reduces the use of raw materials, energy and transport.

## ■ **Recycling our waste**

By 2010 Leeds must be recycling 30% of its waste. To do this the council must consider improving its current household recycling services. We are looking at options for changing the frequency of collections and the range of things we collect from households, to keep the amount of waste that we need to treat or bury to a minimum. This could include emptying your black bin less and your green bin more.

## ■ **Making the most of our waste**

Even after we've taken all these steps, there will be some waste that we can't recycle - but we don't want to bury it. We are proposing 'Energy from Waste' as a possible method for dealing with the waste that we can't recycle. We would also like to develop a 'Sustainable Energy and Resources Park' in Leeds. This would include an energy from waste facility, a materials recycling facility, an education centre and business units to support recycling. The 'Energy

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a recycling facility. In the foreground, a large, white, 3D-style text 'Waste' is superimposed over the image. The letters are thick and have a slight shadow, making them stand out against the busy background of cardboard boxes, plastic, and other waste materials. The background image shows various pieces of waste, including cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, and other debris, some of which are being processed or sorted.

from Waste' process involves burning the waste that we can't recycle under tightly controlled conditions. The power and heat generated could be used by local businesses and housing. These facilities have high-tech, multi-million pound systems for cleaning any emissions and most of the ash left over at the end of the process can be recycled.

■ **Helping each other**

We need your support to make this strategy work. We will help people manage their waste through publicity; support for waste prevention, recycling and composting initiatives; education for children and young people; feedback on our progress and consultation.

■ **Making it work**

We'll do everything we can to get everyone involved, but we know that a small number may not help. We are looking at ways of enforcing some of the vital steps that need to be taken. It is important that we can deal with people who threaten the efforts of everyone else.

■ **Dealing with commercial and industrial waste**

We will be leading the way in influencing how waste from shops, supermarkets, restaurants and local industry is managed.

If we gave every household in the city their rubbish back, it would be the equivalent to the weight of 1060 bags of sugar!



To see a full copy of the Integrated Waste Strategy for Leeds see [www.leeds.gov.uk/leedswaste](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedswaste) or visit your local one stop centre or library.

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# Tell us what you think

It is important that you tell us what you think about our plans so that we can make sure we are meeting the needs of Leeds' people. Please take a few minutes to give us your views on the questions below.

If you are completing this form at a community event there will be a box available for you to 'post' your response. Or, you can send your comments free of charge to:

Freepost RLXJ-ZYHY-GRSG  
Waste Strategy Consultation  
City Services (Performance Management Section)  
Knowsthorpe Gate  
Leeds  
LS9 0NP

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All of the following are included in Leeds City Council's Waste Strategy.

## **Which do you feel is the most important issue?**

*(Please tick one)*

Reducing the amount of waste we make

Collecting the waste we make in a cost-effective way

Recycling as much as we can

Reducing the amount of waste we bury in landfill sites

## **Do you think that the council should provide a regular service to householders to collect and recycle garden waste?**

Yes

No

Don't know

**Do you feel that an 'energy from waste' facility would be the right choice for Leeds to deal with the waste we can't recycle?**

Yes  No  Don't know

**Please state if you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

I would recycle more if my green bin/green bags were emptied more often

Agree  Disagree  Don't know

I would not need my black bin emptying every week if my green bin was emptied more often

Agree  Disagree  Don't know

I would recycle more if a wider range of materials were collected from my property

Agree  Disagree  Don't know

**Please tell us your postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you.