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New staff to help support efforts at Aberdeenshire recycling centres

Additional staff are being recruited for Aberdeenshire's recycling centres to help householders recycle even more.

On average, 63% of materials taken to centres in the area are recycled, with rates varying from 47% to 72% at the various locations. The aim is for all recycling centres to reach 75% by 2023.

Up to 20 new staff are due to be in place by mid-September and will provide advice and assistance to householders about what can be recycled. The additional roles are part of a package of improvements agreed by councillors in January.

It is faster and easier to recycle more if householders pre-sort their materials at home before arriving at a recycling centre. Site layouts for each of the centres are also now available on the council's website to encourage householders to pre-sort their waste.

Recycling centres complement the kerbside collection service and accept a wide range of materials for recycling, including:

- Batteries (household and car)
- Blue bin recycling (paper & card, metal cans, tins, aerosol & foil, and plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays),
- Cooking oil
- Electrical appliances (anything with a plug or batteries)
- Engine oil
- Fluorescent tubes (including energy-saving light bulbs)
- Garden waste
- Gas cylinders
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plasterboard
- Rubble and ceramics

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- Scrap metal
- Soil and turf
- Textiles
- Wood (including treated)

Some recycling centres also accept furniture and household goods for reuse, and recycling of rigid plastics (e.g. laundry baskets, buckets, toys, plant pots, drainage pipes and hard hats) is currently being trialled at the Ellon and Peterhead recycling centres.

The materials accepted at each centre can vary so householders are encouraged to check the Council’s website beforehand on www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres

Chair of Aberdeenshire Council’s Infrastructure Services Committee, Cllr Peter Argyle, said: “We are keen for residents to use their local recycling centres to recycle as much as they can.”

“We aim to have all our centres recycling 75% of waste by 2023 – this is all dependent on how well householders segregate their waste at the recycling centres, so we are keen to work with them to help them recycle more.”

Committee vice-chair Cllr John Cox added: “We will provide advice specific to householders’ needs and we have also improved the information on the website to make it easier to see what can be recycled where.

“We hope this will lead to increased rates off recycling across the board.”

For more information on the materials which can be recycled in Aberdeenshire, please see our A-Z guide: <http://bit.ly/AshireAZ>

Notes for editors

The recycling rates at Aberdeenshire’s 15 recycling centres in 2018 were as follows:

#	Recycling centre	Recycling rate in 2018
1	Banchory	72%
2	Alford	69%
3	Portsoy	69%
5	Laurencekirk	67%
4	Portlethen	67%

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6	Turriff	67%
9	Ellon	66%
8	Stonehaven	66%
7	Westhill	66%
10	Macduff	64%
11	Inverurie	62%
12	Peterhead	61%
13	Fraserburgh	58%
14	Huntly	49%
15	Insch	47%

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