

Highlights of Oxfordshire's Strategy

The main objectives of our strategy are:

Reduce

We will provide advice and services to help householders reduce waste. We will also set a good example by reducing our own waste.

Reuse

We will work with householders, schools, businesses and the community, to reuse waste.

Recycling and Composting

As a minimum, we will provide every household with at least, a:

- recycling collection;
- garden waste collection (this may be separately charged for in some areas);
- food waste collection (to be developed in the future);
- fortnightly collection of residual waste.

Dealing with residual waste

We will build new waste facilities to recover value from residual waste. Instead of being landfilled, it can be made in to a useful product, such as electricity or compost.

Dealing with hazardous waste

We will encourage the separation of hazardous wastes so they can be safely managed.

Land Use Planning

We will work with Oxfordshire County Council (which is the Waste Planning Authority) to ensure that new waste facilities are built in suitable locations.

Creating Markets

We will help to develop markets for the recyclable materials that we collect.

Working in Partnership

We will improve our waste management services by working together through the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership and with others.

How to find out more

To read the full strategy, or to find out more about waste management services in your area please visit your council website. Copies of the strategy can also be viewed, by appointment at your local council offices.

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What is the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership?

The Oxfordshire Waste Partnership is Oxfordshire's Local Authorities working together to:

'reduce waste and maximise reuse, recycling and composting. We will treat residual waste before disposal to recover further value and to minimise the environmental impact of disposal.'

We are made up of:

- Cherwell District Council,
- Oxford City Council,
- Oxfordshire County Council,
- South Oxfordshire District Council,
- Vale of White Horse District Council,
- West Oxfordshire District Council.

We have developed a strategy, setting out our plans for how we intend to deal with your rubbish until 2030. This leaflet explains how our Strategy will affect waste management in Oxfordshire.

Why is rubbish important now?

Last year, people in Oxfordshire produced around 300,000 tonnes of household rubbish. That is half a tonne of rubbish for every person in the county - enough to fill 30,000 rubbish trucks. Put these end to end and they would stretch from Oxford to Cambridge and back!

Rubbish is important because of its effect on the environment. Last year,

you recycled and composted 33% of your waste. But the rest of Oxfordshire's waste is buried in landfill sites. As waste breaks down in landfill it gives off greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. We are wasting our natural resources by throwing rubbish away.

There are strict government targets that mean we need to increase the

amount that you reduce, reuse, recycle and compost to avoid high costs and heavy fines. We have to reduce the amount of biodegradable waste (kitchen and garden waste, paper, wood etc) that we bury in landfills, or be fined £150 for every tonne we are over the target. It could possibly cost £3 million in 2010 alone, which could mean service cuts or an extra £13 charge on council tax (for an average band D house).

How the strategy was developed

We reviewed our options for future waste collection, treatment and disposal. Each option was marked against environmental, social and financial criteria and was used to inform the Strategy and our future planning and procurement decisions for Oxfordshire.

We asked for your opinion at several stages of the Strategy's development, using a Community Panel (made up of Oxfordshire residents) and a wider public engagement exercise (open to all residents) in July 2006.

An independent Strategic Environmental Assessment considered the environmental impacts of the Strategy.

How this will affect you

We will continue to improve and develop our waste services as we implement the Strategy. By 2010 Oxfordshire households will receive at least, a:

- Fortnightly collection of residual waste;
- Regular collection for recyclable materials;
- Garden waste collection (this may be separately charged for in some areas);
- Food waste collection

We'll provide you with the policies, tools and infrastructure, but we need you to make the difference.

If each person in Oxfordshire made one small change ... more than 255,000 people would contribute to a huge change!

