

Editorial



In 2010 J&B received material for recycling from as far north as Fife and as far south as Essex.

We have recovered for recycling over 7000 tonnes of empty plastic bottles and trays that is equivalent to 368 Million average sized empty bottles, which would otherwise take 500 years to decompose at Landfill. As the UK uses over 275,000 tonnes of plastic bottles a year* that means we recycled the equivalent of over 6% of the plastic bottles used in the UK this year.

*source www.recycling-guide.org.uk

J&B also recycled 9000 tonnes of glass bottles and jars a year which is equivalent to 36 Million 330ml empty bottles. This saved enough energy compared to using virgin glass in bottle production to power over 1700 computers for an hour. The average family in the UK uses 500 glass bottles and jars a year therefore J&B recycled the equivalent output of over 70,000 households.

In addition to this we recovered for recycling nearly 3000 tonnes of paper and cardboard per month, J&B recycled enough paper this year to save cutting down 480,000 trees, over 1% of all the aluminium packaging used in the UK a year which saved over 7,800,000 kWh of electricity compared to making cans out of virgin materials. By recycling steels cans J&B helped save 3000 tonnes of iron ore, 1000 tonnes of coal and 40% water usage a year compared to that used in producing virgin steel. Mark Penny mark@jbrecycling.co.uk

Opening Times

For many of our Trade customers, Christmas is a very busy time of year, so we will not be making any changes to our **wheelie bin** collection schedule over the Christmas period. These crews will be collecting, as normal, on 27th, 28th December and 3rd January. Our Windermere MRF in Hartlepool will also be open to accept Local Authority deliveries on 28th -31st inclusive. The rest of our fleet will not be operational and our offices will be closed on 27th and 28th December and 3rd January only.

Legislation News

New powers for EA: The Environment Agency in England and Wales will start using new enforcement powers, called civil sanctions, from 4 January 2011. These can be used against a business committing certain environmental offences, as an alternative to prosecution and criminal penalties of fines and imprisonment. This means that they can take action that is proportionate to the offence and the offender, and reflect the fact that most offences committed by businesses are unintentional, whilst still being able to use criminal punishments for serious offences.

The government believes civil sanctions will make environmental law enforcement more flexible and effective for both regulators and businesses. The new civil sanctions the EA can use against a business committing certain environmental offences include:

Compliance notice - written notice to take steps to ensure that an offence does not continue or recur.

Restoration notice - written notice to restore harm caused by non-compliance.

Enforcement undertaking - voluntary agreement by business to take corrective action to make up for non-compliance.

Fixed monetary penalty - a low level penalty for minor offences fixed at £100 for an individual and £300 for a company.

Variable monetary penalty - a monetary penalty for more serious offences with a maximum of £250,000.

Stop notice - written notice to stop an activity which is causing harm.

Civil sanctions have been introduced for a limited number of offences and initially they will cover offences relating to harm to water resources, hazardous waste and packaging waste, however the government has consulted on whether civil sanctions should be introduced for Environmental Permitting Regulations offences and, if implemented, it is planned that they will be used from 6 April 2011

75% of government websites to close: The government is going to change the way it provides online information. It aims to close 75% of their websites by March 2011, to improve efficiency so that businesses have to visit fewer websites to get the information they need

The aim is to provide a single online government service for businesses of all sizes, so they can find everything they need to know about running a business and complying with regulations in one place, which will be:

Business Link in England
NIBusinessInfo in Northern Ireland
Business Gateway in Scotland
Flexible Support for Business (FS4B) in Wales
www.netregs.gov.uk

Recoup Announces Huge Rise in Kerbside Mixed Plastics Collections



www.letsrecycle.com reported on 07 December 2010 that the amount of mixed plastic material - such as pots, tubs and trays - collected by Local authorities has risen by almost 78% over the past 12 months,

The figures released yesterday by Recoup are from the UK Household Plastic Packaging Survey 2010. The survey indicated a marked increase in the amount of material collected in 2009 compared to 2008. Furthermore, it states that 98 councils now offer some form of mixed plastic collection, with 84 actively collecting the material at the kerbside so that 6.5 million households now have access to recycling a wide range of plastics at the kerbside. It was noted that Eastern England collected the greatest tonnage of plastic material - with 6,503 tonnes collected in 2009.

J&B are fully geared to accept mixed plastics from the kerbside including those commingled with other materials such as paper and cardboard. We have secure end markets in place for plastic bottles, trays and films. We currently recover such plastics on behalf of a number of local authorities in East England and Scotland.

Earlier this J&B year entered into a three year contract to supply plastic bottles recovered by J&B to ECO Plastics Ltd at Europe's largest and most technically advanced plastic bottle sorting / processing plant which is located in Lincolnshire. At the plant the material is sorted into clean polymer segregated streams before being granulated, de-labelled and washed. The PET is then converted into a food grade pellet that can be used by UK manufacturers to make new bottles.



Duncan Oakes, Commercial Director,
ECO Plastics

Duncan Oakes ECO Plastics Commercial Director stated "This contract demonstrates J&B Recycling's commitment to support UK recycling and ensures the most efficient and economic processes are used to handle the recycle streams they produce". Prior to signing the agreement J&B had provided ECO Plastics for a number of years on a non contract basis and had consistently supplied a quality product to a high standard. Duncan was therefore able to confirm that "this made J&B Recycling's material more desirable to our operation, as the yield is higher than what we achieve from some of our other suppliers". Hence ECO Plastics were confident about entering into a long term agreement to **guarantee** the UK recycling of J&B's materials. This means that in a market where demand has been questioned J&B and our customers can be confident that in the unlikely event that there were to be a reduction in demand for plastic bottles, ours would still **always** be recycled to the highest standards and put back into bottle and food packaging used within the UK.



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