

Recycling



Deposit return schemes

Norway's bottle recycling system claims to return 97% of PET bottles for recycling. Bottle manufacturers pay a high tax for each bottle they produce but get a government rebate for each empty container they collect.

Customers pay more for a bottle but get their money back when they put it into a reverse vending machine. Recycling companies collect and process the bottles to valuable PET flakes.

Norway says recycling bottles is 18% more efficient than reuse.

Germany claims customer deposit and refunds on returned bottles at any supermarket is more successful, but Aldi uses reverse vending machines.

Voluntary action by supermarkets

Proposal by the supermarket Aldi in 2018

- To phase out non-recyclable Black Plastic Food trays, saving 265 tonnes of plastic per year
- Replace trays for fruit and vegetables with clear recycled plastic
- All packaging be recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025



Mixing up recycling causes issues

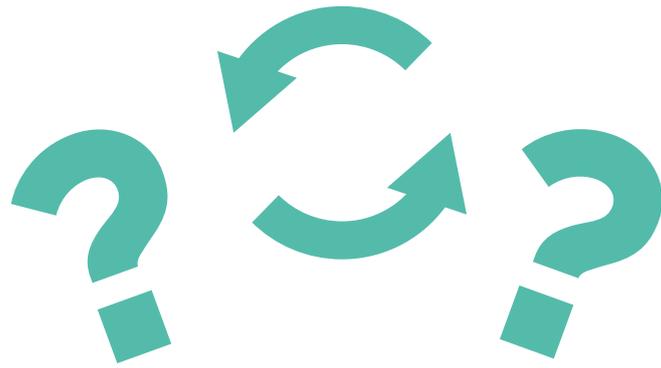
Some multi material items are more complicated and expensive to recycle

Please do not mix biodegradable bags with other plastic as they cannot be recycled together!

#wildbottlesighting

“Our surveys show plastic drinks bottles are frequently among the top four litter items found on UK beaches.”

Marine Conservation Society UK



**Recycling is the only
way forward.**