

A to Z of Waste

D,E,F

Lisa: Hey Alison. Wow your hair is getting long!

Alison: Oh don't, it's months since I had it cut...are hairdressers ever going to open again! I can't see where I'm going!

Anyway we thought today we shall bring to life many of the common items that are featured on the A to Z list of what waste goes where. Today we are covering D, E and F. If you would like to view the full list please download our free waste watchers app. So Lisa, what have you got for D?

D

Lisa: Well one of the biggest recycling contamination items is actually disposable nappies. Please put these in your black waste bin not the recycling bin. Did you know we are currently giving away £25 pound e-vouchers if you would like to try reusable nappies for the first time? Get onto www.cheshireeast.gov.uk and search real nappies. What have you got for E Alison?

E

Alison: How about engine oil? This needs to be put in a sealed container and taken to a household waste recycling centre. And thinking about it one item that people have got a bit confused with is Cardboard egg boxes. If you don't home compost these still need to go in your silver recycling bin and not in the garden waste bin. How about F Lise, what have you got?

F

Lisa: Well we all love receiving flowers don't we? Especially with Valentine's Day coming up! Don't dump cut flowers in the black bin because these can go in your garden waste bin to be turned into compost.

Foil and aluminium trays are another good item because yes it can be recycled because of its metal but it can only be recycled if it is free from food contamination. If you are able to rinse it clean, it can be recycled if it is full of cooking grease, then it actually needs to go in your black bin.

Alison: I have thought of a good one for F that some people may not be aware of and that is fridges and freezers, as I hate seeing them dumped in the countryside leaking dangerous chemicals and killing wildlife. Once it's in a car or a van it is much kinder to the environment to dispose of your fridge or freezer at a household waste recycling centre. It's free of charge – yes really! Just bear in mind that if you turn up in a commercial van you will need to apply for a permit before you go by getting on to the cheshireeast.gov.uk website and the great thing is that the permits are also free!

Lisa: Well I didn't know that! Alison and I will be back with some more common items that you might not be sure what to do with when you have finished with them. Thanks for listening!