

Local Drop Off Points for Difficult to Recycle Items.

As part of our Eco journey, we want to help and encourage you to recycle and reuse as much as possible. Recycling save precious resources and energy and is an important part of our Stewardship responsibilities.

The following is a list we have put together of local recycling solutions and opportunities, If you come across others, please do let us know.

Soft Plastics – Soft plastics are those that if you scrunch them in your hand, they bounce back. Eg salad bags, crisp packets, film lids, confectionary wrappers. These can all be handed to any member of staff at Tesco in Knowle.

Electricals – wires and all electrical items can be recycled at Curry's, even if you didn't buy it from them. They have a recycling drop off point next to the Help Desk.

Used Inhalers – used inhalers emit greenhouse gases and should never be put in your household bin. You can recycle these at any Pharmacy.

Old and no longer needed Medication – take these to your local Pharmacy. Recycle any cardboard or paper inserts in your kerbside recycling first.

Empty Medicine Blister Packs can be recycled at Superdrug Stores.

Hard-to-recycle beauty, healthcare and wellness products including toothpaste tubes can be taken to Boots in Mell Square (not the retail park) and you can even receive Boots rewards for recycling.

- Too small (travel minis, samples, mascaras, etc)
- Made of composite materials (make-up palettes, compacts, lipsticks, etc)
- Made from non-recyclable materials (toothpaste tubes, lotion pumps, etc)

Used Batteries – these can be recycled at Tesco Knowle

Lightbulbs – these can be taken to the Bickenhill Waste Centre

Clothes and Textiles You can recycle old clothes with Solihull Council by putting them next to your recycling bin on your collection day in a carrier bag or clear plastic bag. You can't use a charity bag. If you don't have a clear bag, download a label from the rubbish and recycling page of Solihull Council's website so they know what's inside the bag.

Old Duvets and clean bagged textiles, even if they are torn can be dropped at Dunelm textile recycling. Just make sure they are clean, bag them up and drop them at the recycling point near the door at their Solihull store or ask at the desk.

Mattress and Furniture Recycling – also available at Dunelm. Book a collection on-line.

Lightbulbs – these can be taken to the Bickenhill Waste Centre

Carpets or Rugs – good quality carpets or rugs can be sold or taken to some charities. If you are having a new carpet fitted, try Freecycle as someone may be able to make use of your old one.

CDs, DVDs games, tech – Musicmagpie.co.uk is a great place for selling old phones, tablets, headphones and games consoles as well as CD's, DVD's books

As well as recycling, many items can be re-used. Check our sites like [Freecycle](#) or [Freegle](#) to find people who would love to give new life to your items.