

HOW LOCAL AUTHORITIES CAN RECYCLE COFFEE CUPS

We have proven coffee cups can be recycled, now we need to work with every local authority and waste management company in the UK to help build the infrastructure to recover and recycle millions more cups every year.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE HOUSEHOLD AND STREET WASTE FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY?

A Waste Management Company (ie. Biffa, Veolia etc.) manages the waste

Is your waste contractor an existing member of the cup recycling scheme?

YES

Takeaway coffee cups can now be accepted by your waste contractor. Speak to them about the possibility of adding coffee cups to your target materials. This should help reduce waste management costs and increase recycling rates.

NO

Does your waste contractor recover beverage cartons through the ACE UK* scheme?

YES

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NO

Contact our scheme administrators Valpak** to sign them up at cuprecycling@valpak.co.uk

THE LOCAL AUTHORITY CURRENTLY MANAGES ITS OWN HOUSEHOLD AND STREET WASTE

Do you manage your own waste and do you already recover beverage cartons through the ACE UK scheme

YES

If you already send beverage cartons to ACE UK, cups can now be included as a target material for this waste stream. Speak to your waste contractor about adding takeaway coffee cups to your target materials and ACE UK will recycle the cups for you.

NO

Contact our scheme administrators Valpak to start collecting takeaway coffee cups at cuprecycling@valpak.co.uk.

The local authority is eligible to claim our £70 credit for every tonne of takeaway cups recovered. This is in addition to any commercial value you could receive from the reprocessors (James Cropper, DS Smith and ACE UK).

Recovering and recycling takeaway coffee cups should reduce the volume of waste being sent to landfill. It will help to increase recycling rates and potentially provide a revenue stream from the sale of the material.

*Recycling company ACE UK has been running the beverage carton industry's recycling programme for more than 10 years, operating in over 90% of local authorities. In January this year, they agreed to also take coffee cups alongside beverage cartons.

**Valpak is the UK's leading environmental compliance scheme and provide a free service as the independent administrator of our scheme.