

Think Recycling



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Fun Facts On Aluminium Can Recycling

The aluminium drink can is the most recycled drinks container on the planet.

Aluminium can be recycled over and over again, saving energy and natural resources – and reducing litter and waste.

Every minute of every day, an average of 113,200 aluminium cans are recycled.

Recycling in the UK

The only aluminium can recycling plant in Europe is in Warrington, Cheshire. The plant is capable of recycling every drink can sold in the UK every year (that's 5 billion cans!). It also recycles cans from other countries, including Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Germany and Saudi Arabia.

Novelis is the world's largest recycler of aluminium drink cans. In 2006 the company recycled 36 billion cans, enough to circle the world more than 100 times (if laid end to end).

Why recycle?

Recycling aluminium cans reduces waste. It also saves energy, conserves natural resources, and cuts down the amount of waste that needs to be buried in landfill sites.

Aluminium cans are worth money to collectors. Cash for Cans centres will pay for every kilogramme recycled. This is a great way of raising money for your school, Cub or Brownie pack or a favourite charity – or just for you!

20 cans can be made with the energy needed to produce one can using raw materials.



