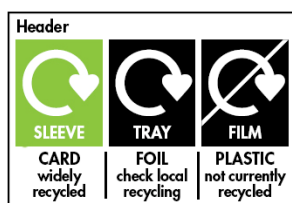


New National Recycling Information Labeling Scheme:

Over the coming months, you will be able to check product packaging for simple information about whether it can be recycled or not. Leading retailers including Marks & Spencer, Tesco, Waitrose, Co-op, Asda and Sainsburys have joined forces to introduce the labelling system which will mean that you can see, at a glance, which packaging you can recycle by looking at the symbols printed on some product ranges. Many household brands will be using the new labelling system across their ranges as well.

The scheme makes significant strides towards providing clearer information to the public, clarifying what can and cannot be recycled currently. Product ranges included in the scheme will feature one or more of three standard symbols showing whether each component of its packaging is '**widely recycled**', '**not currently recycled**' or only recycled in some areas, where the instruction is to '**check local recycling**'



Frequently Asked Questions:

What can I recycle in my recycling box or bag?

Your collection remains the same for now. Please refer to your current collection calendar or service leaflet for full details. Or, contact us at 01509 634 563, or visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/recycling_info_and_news.

Why can't I recycle polystyrene packaging in my local area?

Because the facility we send our recyclables to, does not accept polystyrene packaging.

The new information says that plastic bags, wrap and film are not currently recyclable, but you do collect these materials – why is there this misleading information?

The Waste and Resource Action Programme (WRAP), who have led the way with this new labelling, in conjunction with manufacturers and national retailers; have decided that the term 'not currently recycled', is where less than 15% of the UK local authorities have collection facilities for that packaging type in their area. Consequently, Charnwood residents are leading the way with recycling these materials.

Will this system cost me any more in council tax?

No. This scheme is being run by the British Retail Consortium with no additional cost for local residents.

Will the system affect my current collection service?

No. The scheme has been set up to provide you with more useful information on what you can and can't recycle.