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Energy from Waste at Great Blakenham

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Key messages to share through your networks

The Energy from Waste plant only exists to deal with what's left over after we have tried to minimise, reuse, recycle and compost everything that we can.

The cheapest way to deal with waste is not to create it in the first place. If the item cannot then be reused, the next best is to recycle it (ensuring that nothing goes into your recycling bin that could contaminate the load).

Energy from waste is better than landfill, with energy recovery in the form of electricity equivalent to the demand of 39,000 homes, stating a reduction in carbon emissions of 75,000tCO$_2$e/annum (relative to landfill), but it is still a **last resort option**.

<3% of total output goes to landfill, this is the "fly ash" (air pollution control residue).

Remember please DO not put the following into any of your bins:

- Batteries — use rechargeable ones to cut waste. To find your nearest battery collection point go to www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling
- Car parts and components—these need to be taken to a garage or licenced scrap dealer.
- Electrical and electronic items (including both mains and battery powered items) —repair to keep them going as long as you can (a monthly Repair Café is held at St Johns Church in Woodbridge first Monday of every month, there's Framfix in Framlingham too see Greener Fram's Facebook page for dates) but when they do reach the ends of their lives take them to any Suffolk Recycling Centre and place in the recycling container (also available at Saxmundham Market Place, and Woodbridge behind Deben Pool).

For more information go to: https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/learning-zone/where-rubbish-goes

To book a visit if you already have a group of up to 10 email suffolkefw.uk@suez.com