

# What a Waste

Current landfill sites could be **full** by **2018**, the solution should not be to simply find more sites.

The alternatives to landfill:

**Reduce** - minimising what we throw away

**Re-use** - avoid needlessly making new products

**Recycle** - recycling old products into new ones saves raw materials

**Incinerate** - Generating electricity through burning rubbish cuts down the fossil fuels we use

- It is likely that food waste will be **banned** from landfill by **2020**.
- You can **freeze** baked beans if you know you won't be able to eat them in time – freeze within two days of opening and then defrost in the microwave and heat till piping hot.
- Did you know food can be frozen **any time** before the 'use by' date on the label? Then when you have an evening where you don't feel like cooking, take it out of the freezer, **defrost** and use within 24 hours.
- After using **tea bags**, let them dry out, soak them in **paraffin** (or similar) and allow them to dry. These make great fire lighters for your BBQ. You can also use your used tea bags in hanging baskets to help retain water.
- Always think about **packaging**, do you need to put your fruit and veg into a plastic bag when you are buying it?
- **Unwanted items** such as books, games and clothes can go to charity shops, be listed on **Freecycle** or **donated** to local community groups for selling.
- If the item is higher value, use an **online auction site** or **market place** to sell it.



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