



# Scotland's Recycling



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# Progress to date









**Recycle more  
than we send to  
landfill**

**c. 80-85% of  
Scotland's waste  
is managed in  
Scotland**

**Carbon  
emissions of  
Scotland's waste  
has reduced by  
26% since  
2011**

**But it's not enough...**



Target	Progress to date	
Reduce biodegradable municipal waste to landfill to less than 1.26 million tonnes		Met since 2013
70% recycling of C&D waste		Met since 2011
Reduce waste arising by 7% by 2017, against the 2011 baseline		This was not met in 2017 but had been met in four of the six years since 2012
Reduce all waste generated in Scotland by 15% in 2025, based on 2011 baseline.		Requires annual reduction in waste generation of 160k tonnes per year, when the annual reduction to date has been 90k tonnes.
60% of Scotland's household waste recycled, composted or prepared for reuse in 2020		2018 = 44.7%. Progress has plateaued in recent years.
70% of all Scotland's waste to be recycled, composted or prepared for reuse by 2025		2017 = 58.9%. Requires annual increase of 1.4% each year, when the annual increase to date has been 1%.
No more than 5% of all waste to go to landfill by 2025		Landfill would need to reduce by 420k tonnes every year, when the annual reduction to date has been ~140k tonnes per year
Reduce all food waste arising in Scotland on a per capita basis by 33% by 2025, based on 2013 baseline		Food waste action plan was launched in 2019 mapping out actions required. Too early to assess the impact these will have.

# Challenges

**What we  
collect**

**What we send  
to market**

**Learning from  
the best**



# Changing course...

**Measures in progress**

**Improve collection**

**Improve sorting**

**Standards for recycling**

**Improve targets and data**

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