

## How you can make

## a difference

## when renting with us



## We are committed to minimising our impact on the environment and our goal is to help you do the same

As we adapt our operations to minimise our environmental footprint, we know our biggest strength is our tenants and the drive you have to make a difference. Whether that's getting involved with climate protests, picking up litter when you're out at the beach or simply making sure your house is recycling properly. That's why we have put together this short document to help inform you on the little things you can do that make a big difference.



Source: TheWorldCounts. Correct as of September 2020

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## Take responsibility...

Helping our planet starts with the simplest of actions. By using your recycling bins correctly, we can reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill and collectively make a difference.

Recyclable waste should also be separated & placed in a traditional blue box for collection, whilst your leftover food scraps should be recycled in your brown food waste bin. These are both collected every week, so you needn't worry about them overflowing after a pizza night with the housemates.





## do's and don'ts...

Do not put food waste in the green bin, place it in the green bag provided and put in the brown organic waste bin **to biodegrade**.

**Reduce waste,** collapse all bottles, cans and boxes flat so they take up less room in the blue bins.

**Reuse,** take any unwanted items such as clothes or furniture to a charity shop, or to the recycling centre. Do not throw them in the bin.

Do not put plastic bags filled with recyclables in the green bins, instead **recycle them.** 

Take responibility for your waste, do the right thing!

To help reduce litter that can sometimes occur after a blustery Bangor day, we encourage you to find your weekly recycling collection calendar online and put that week's bins out the night before collection.

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Download your bin calendar here: www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru



## **Your Recycling Cart**

From now on put your paper and cardboard in the **top** box, your cans/tins with the plastics in the **middle** box, and the glass bottles and jars in the bottom box please.

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## **Bangor Recycling Centre**

#### For larger recyclable items as well as textiles, head to Bangor Recycling Centre on Llandygai Industrial Estate.

The centre is part of local charity Antur Waunfawr's Gwynedd Reuse Partnership with a specific container dedicated to reuse of unwanted items. The partnership helps support local Social Enterprises by providing them with items that can be modified & refurbished, before being sold on; creating employment opportunities for those with learning disabilities.

#### Tips & Tricks:

- Think something needs throwing out? Think again; many items can be reused or repurposed given just a few minutes research & it could just help save the planet.
- Give unwanted or used clothes a new lease of life by donating them to local charity shops or place them in one of Antur Waunfawr's clothes banks at the recycling centre.

#### Find out more about Antur Waunfawr: www.anturwaunfawr.org

## Change your day-to-day habits

#### Reduce

- Reduce your energy & water use by only using what you need and being resource conscious. A SmartMeter can help – if your home doesn't have one ask us & we can help.
- Kerb your reliance on plastic.
- Consider the necessity of an item before buying.

#### Reuse

- Extend the lifespan of everyday items by repurposing them.
  Egg cartons become freezer storage containers; paper towel rolls a great way to keep charging cables neatly packed away.
- Donate old clothes to a charity shop or place them in a clothes bank to be reused.
- Cut out the need for disposable receptacles by using your own keep cup, flask or water bottle. You can save money this way too!

#### Recycle

- Take care to note what goes where in your bins and keep your recycling sorted.
- Rinse first before placing in the correct bin.





Calculate your environmental footprint https://footprint.wwf.org.uk

## Get involved in the local area



We live in a pretty stunning spot here in Bangor. With mountains and the ocean on our doorstep we know first-hand the natural beauty we have a commitment to protect.

Around Bangor there are loads of ways to get involved and help protect our local environment. Here are just a few ideas to get you started...

#### How can I get involved?

- Join in or organise a beach clean outside the university. The Marine Conservation Society or Surfers Against Sewage are a great place to start.
- Use local stores that prioritise the environment & contain a plastic free section.
- Put yourself forward to become an Undeb Beach Clean Project Leader and lead the charge against litter on our beaches.
- Get out and enjoy the outdoors. We can only conserve what we love, so step outside and experience nature on our doorstep. Alongside doing your bit for the environment, spending time outdoors helps to promote mental and physical health; something that is vital to us all.



### Get involved on campus

Bangor University and Bangor Student Union (Undeb) have loads of great green ideas and initiatives on keeping our streets tidy and recycling whilst on campus.

Why not get involved with an environmental society or find out more about the university's efforts on sustainability by visiting their website here:

#### https://www.bangor.ac.uk/sustainability/index.php.en

A great scheme to look out for at the end of term is the 'Sort Your Junk' campaign. The campaign runs in partnership with Gwynedd Council and aims to reduce litter on our streets offering extra collections for non-recyclable waste on specific streets where our tenants like to live.

#### What else should I look out for?

- Undeb's strategic plan containing their sustainability goals.
- Orange mixed recycling bins on campus for these dry items: paper, cardboard, cans/tins, foil, aerosols, plastic bottles, plastic tubs/trays/pots, coffee cup lids, cartons (tetra paks), glass bottles and jars.
- Events such as Sustainability Carnival that you can get involved in and show your passion for our planet.
- Opportunities to join in the discussion with The Sustainability Lab or Sustainability Think Tanks and help Bangor University continue to become 'The Sustainable University'.





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