

The Waste Electrical or Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive...

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...requires countries to maximise separate collection and environmentally friendly processing of these items. In the UK, distributors and retailers **must** provide a system which allows all customers buying new electrical equipment the opportunity to recycle their old items free of charge. Those establishing their own take-back scheme must as a minimum offer all customers buying new electrical equipment free take back of their old electricals on a like-for-like basis. Find more information on WEEE recycling, and locate your local recycling centre, at

www.recyclenow.com

You can now recycle your old electricals with SMBC. Please arrange to return your item to waste management centres, at **Marple or Bredbury**.

DO NOT PUT IN THE BLACK, BROWN, BLUE OR GREEN BINS.

Why recycle? Unwanted electrical equipment is the UK's fastest growing type of waste. Many electrical items can be **repaired re-used or recycled**, saving natural resources and the environment. If you do not recycle, electrical equipment will end up in landfill where hazardous substances will leak out and cause soil and water contamination – harming wildlife and also human health. Furthermore, some of the material is so expensive, even rare, that they should be recovered for the future.

To remind you that some electrical equipment can be recycled, it is now marked with a crossed-out wheeled bin symbol. Please do not throw any electrical **or electronic** equipment (including those marked with the crossed out wheeled bin symbol) in **any of your** bins.

If you are buying a new electrical item, the retailer **must** recycle your old one for free, **even large fridge freezers**.

The policy of this church is that we re-cycle or re-use any electrical or electronic equipment.



