



# PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

# RECYCLE!

An important part of protecting the environment is by reducing the amount of rubbish we send to landfill sites. One way of doing this is by recycling. Recycling centres for bottles, cans, clothes, plastics and paper products have been around for a long time and are now wide spread. **BUT DID YOU KNOW** over 85% of car parts, **including the packaging that they are supplied in**, can also be recycled.

Most items are now marked with a recycling icon (similar to that shown above) with a code that identifies the substance that the item is made from. Even if an item is not marked with a recycling icon, it may still be possible to recycle it. Ask at your local recycling centre.

Our parts department will also be pleased to give advice and assistance.

**Aerosols** – ensure they are empty, do not clean, burn or squash. Most can be recycled with beverage cans, but check at your local recycling centre.

**Car Batteries** – these contain lead and sulphuric acid. Both are hazardous and must be disposed of safely. Contact your nearest recycling centre for advice on safe disposal.

**Cardboard** – empty boxes, card inserts and other packaging can be readily recycled.

**Exchange Parts** - should be returned, **with any packaging**, to our parts department for reprocessing.

**Metal Components** – most recycling centres have a scrap metal facility – use it to dispose of all old metal items.

**Motor Oil** – it is illegal to pour motor oil down the drain. Your nearest recycling centre may have a facility for waste oil – if they don't, call Oil Bank Line on **08708 506 506** for advice on safe disposal.

**Old Oil Filters** – it is illegal to put them in the dustbin. Again, most recycling centres have facilities for safe disposal. If they don't, call Oil Bank Line for advice.

**Paints** – it is illegal to tip any type of paint down the drain. Disposal of small quantities of vehicle paint is usually possible at your local recycling centre.

**Paper** – your local recycling centre will have a facility to recycle most types of paper. Magazines, newspapers, telephone directories, and even the paper bag your goods were wrapped in can be recycled.

**Plastics** – again these, including any "bubble pack" materials, polythene wrappers, empty containers, plastic car parts and even plastic carrier bags, can be sorted and recycled at most local recycling centres.

**Tyres** – old tyres are virtually indestructible. They do not rot and they must never be burnt, as burning releases toxic substances. They cannot be disposed to landfill sites. Contact your recycling centre. If they cannot help, ask your nearest tyre centre for advice. There is normally a disposal charge.

**Wood** – pallets supplied with goods, purchased from us, should be returned to our parts department. Other wood can be recycled. Old pallets can be remanufactured and other timber can be reused, often by charities, or chipped and used in horticulture.

**General** – our parts department will be pleased to assist with the disposal of packaging materials supplied with items purchased from us. Just ask.

If you have any general recycling queries, contact Waste Watch Waste Line, **0870 243 0136**. [www.wastewatch.org.uk](http://www.wastewatch.org.uk). Copies of the National Waste Strategy are available from the Environment Agency on **08708 506 505**. [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/strategy](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/strategy)