



ENERGY AND RECYCLING: The Recycling Process

Recycling is an important process in the drive to live a more sustainable lifestyle but it is also important to reduce and reuse waste wherever possible. Recycling is promoted in most parts of Europe and also in countries like the USA and Australia. However, there is still some debate about the environmental importance of recycling and the process involved. Use fact sheet **Energy and Recycling - [The Recycling Process](#)** to help you with the following activities concerning recycling.

Activity 1

Discuss and debate some of the issues surrounding recycling, such as the export of recyclables abroad and the lack of a demand for recyclable materials by manufacturers and consumers.

Activity 2

Research and write a report about the attitudes of recycling in the UK and one other country (e.g. USA, China, Brazil).

Extension Activity

Create a flow diagram detailing the process of recycling a plastic carrier bag.