

Freecycle advice

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Herefordshire Council is encouraging residents busy with their annual spring clean to think twice about what they throw out.

People working hard to spruce up their properties with a spot of decorating or those getting rid of some clutter are being urged to put their unwanted items to good use to help the environment.

All across Herefordshire there are many voluntary or community organisations that will gladly take unwanted items, still in good condition, such as furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles and paint. They are then made available to other people in the area.

Re-using valuable resources in this way can help reduce the amount of waste we send to landfill and help support good causes.

Councillor John Jarvis, Herefordshire Council's cabinet member for the environment and strategic housing, said: "Many people choose this time of year to tidy, improve their homes and organise belongings. Taking a little time to think about how you could put your unwanted items to good use can help in a big way when it comes to reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill."

A leaflet containing details of the county's local re-use organisations is available from the council. Alternatively, residents can try offering their unwanted items on the internet by using the Freecycle website, a local Freecycle group can be found at www.freecycle.org

People interested in finding out more about re-use initiatives should call 01905 766883 or visit www.wastemissionimpossible.org.uk