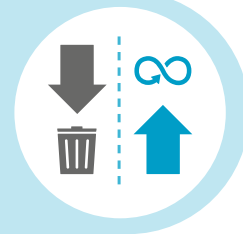


Strategic aim: Reduce & Reuse



Focusing on



Consumption & production



Construction



Food waste

Already achieved & ongoing delivery

Introduced a ban on certain single-use plastic items.

Funding re-use projects and infrastructure through the Recycling Improvement Fund and supporting businesses through Zero Waste Scotland.

Supporting sharing libraries and repair cafes, increasing the total to 100 by 2025.

Introduced requirements through the National Planning Framework 4 to encourage developers to minimise waste and carbon intensity in construction projects.

Funded food redistribution in Scotland via FareShare's 'Surplus with Purpose' scheme.

Priority actions

Responsible consumption, production and reuse

Develop and publish a Product Stewardship Plan to identify and tackle the environmental impact of priority products.

Timescale: Publication in 2025-26, supported by research and development in 2023-2025.

Food Waste

Deliver an intervention plan to guide long-term work on household food waste reduction behaviour change

Timescale: By 2025.

Develop with stakeholders the most effective way to implement mandatory public reporting for food waste and surplus by businesses.

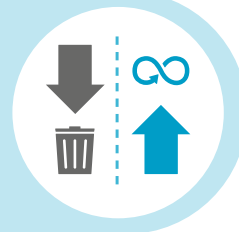
Timescale: Develop by 2025-26.

Embed Circular Construction Practices

Support the development of regional Scottish hubs and networks for the reuse of construction materials and assets.

Timescale: Scoping work commenced in 2023; ongoing feasibility research and engagement in 2024-25; development of regional hubs from 2025.

Strategic aim: Reduce & Reuse



Further Actions to 2030

Responsible consumption, production and reuse

Deliver a prioritised approach to the introduction of environmental charges for problematic products.

Introduce a charge for single-use disposable cups.

Consult on actions regarding the environmental impacts of single-use vapes (ongoing).

Review the feasibility of setting reuse targets.

Develop restrictions on the destruction of unsold consumer goods.

Develop measures to improve the reuse experience for consumers (ongoing).

Deliver behaviour change-based approaches focused on sustainable consumption, aligned to Let's Do Net Zero communications (ongoing).

Identify ways to expand business models that prolong product lifespan (ongoing).

Food Waste

Strengthen data and evidence (ongoing).

Review the rural exemption for food waste recycling, as part of recycling co-design process.

Investigate feasibility of voluntary food waste reduction action plans.

Deliver enhanced support for businesses (ongoing).

Embed Circular Construction Practices

Develop new and promote existing best practice standards and assess the options for both voluntary and mandatory compliance (ongoing).

Investigate and promote options to incentivise and build capacity for the refurbishment of buildings.

Investigate and promote ways to reduce soil and stones disturbance, movement and volumes going to landfill.

Review opportunities to accelerate adoption of climate change and circular economy focussed purchasing in construction.

Consider how devolved taxes can incentivise the use of recycled aggregates and support circular economy practices (ongoing).

Strategic aim: Modernise Recycling



Focusing on



Household recycling



Commercial recycling

Already achieved & ongoing delivery

Introduced £70 million Recycling Improvement Fund.

National Litter and Flytipping Strategy (waste crime policy).

Scotland's landmark 2012 Waste (Scotland) Regulations.

Extended producer responsibility (EPR) schemes for packaging, waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and batteries.

Priority actions

Household

Facilitate a process to co-design high quality, high performing household recycling and reuse services with households, COSLA, local authorities and service operators.

Timescale: Scoping work commenced in 2023; delivery of the co-design process will take place in 2024-25 and conclude in 2025-26.

Commercial

Review of compliance with commercial recycling requirements.

Timescale: The review will commence in 2024, and report findings by the end of 2025.

Co-design measures to improve commercial waste service provisions that drive waste prevention and reuse, and maximise recycling.

Timescale: Preparation in 2025-26, co-design process in 2026-27.

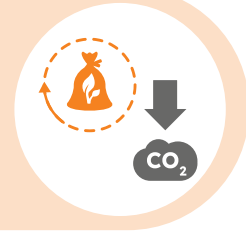
Strategic aim: Modernise Recycling



Further Actions to 2030

Household	Develop a statutory code of practice for household waste services, with a focus on recycling and reuse.
	Introduce statutory recycling and reuse local performance targets for household waste services.
	Strengthen Householder's duty of care in relation to household waste: making a breach of the householder duty of care a criminal offence and creating a new fixed penalty regime to enforce this duty.
	Give local authorities more tools to ensure that households are properly using their recycling containers and to reduce recycling contamination.
	Undertake a review of waste and recycling service charging.
	Review the monitoring and reporting framework for local authority waste services, and subsequently strengthen where necessary.
Commercial	Develop options and consult on the introduction of a requirement on local authorities and others to report publicly on end destination of household recycling collected.
	Conduct a national compositional study of waste from commercial premises.
	Investigate further steps to promote business-business reuse platforms.

Strategic aim: Decarbonise Disposal



Focusing on



Residual Waste

Already achieved & ongoing delivery

The Landfill Tax (Scotland) Act 2014.

Ban on biodegradable municipal waste going to landfill.

Independent Review of Incineration in Scotland's Waste Hierarchy, accepting all recommendations in principle or in full.

Priority actions

Develop and deliver a Residual Waste Plan to ensure the best environmental outcome for unavoidable and unrecyclable waste and set strategic direction for management of residual waste to 2045.

Timescale: Research and engagement during 2023-2024 and 2024-25. Publication in 2025-26.

Facilitate the development of a Sector-Led Plan to minimise the Carbon Impacts of the Energy from Waste Sector.

Timescale: Research and engagement during 2023-2024 and 2024-25. Publication in 2025-26.

Further actions to 2030

Support the inclusion of energy from waste in the UK Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS), and investigate other fiscal measures to incentivise low carbon disposal.

Review and target materials currently landfilled to identify and drive alternative management routes.

Facilitate the co-production of guidelines for effective community engagement.

Increase the capture of landfill gas.

Strategic aim:

Strengthen the Circular Economy



Focusing on



Strategic & cross-cutting measures

Already achieved & ongoing delivery

Develop a digital waste tracking service to monitor waste and resources in real time.

Complete household waste composition analysis by 2023.

Promote the Scottish Government's Sustainable Procurement Toolkit.

Contribute to the updated Climate Emergency Skills Action Plan.

Priority actions

Develop a Circular Economy strategy every five years.

Timescale: Update or refresh every five years, with the first strategy set from 2025.

Setting new circular economy targets beyond 2025.

Timescale: Research underway across 2023-2024, with new targets to be consulted on, and determined from 2025.

Further actions to 2030

Review and refresh Scotland's Waste Data Strategy's action plan.

Maintain a programme of research on waste prevention, behaviour change, fiscal incentives and material-specific priorities.

Develop public procurement opportunities to reduce the environmental impact of public spending, including scoping new legislative circular economy requirements for contracting authorities under section 82 and 82A of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

Support greater uptake of green skills, training, and development opportunities.