



Waste and Recycling

Half of the weight of the family's plastic waste is bottles.	275 thousand tonnes of plastic are used to make bottles in the UK each year.
Q1: How many plastic bottles does the family use each week, on average?	The family also recycle garden waste.
Garden waste makes up half of the total weight of their recycled waste.	As well as plastic, newspapers, glass, aluminum and garden waste, the family recycle cardboard.
"Residual waste" means waste which is not recycled.	15 million plastic bottles are made each day in the UK.
There are about 65 million people in the UK.	Each glass jar or bottle weighs, on average, 300g.
Aluminum worth £36 million is thrown away each year.	Q2: How much of the family's recycling (in weight) is made up of cardboard?



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There are four people in the family.	About one-fifth of the paper and card produced in the UK is used to make newspapers.
12.5 million tonnes of paper and cardboard are used each year.	40% of household waste is recycled.
The family produces 40kg of plastic waste each year.	Residual waste per person is 275kg per year.
The family uses about 10 glass jars and bottles each week.	The family recycles 90% of the glass bottles and jars that they use.
The family recycles all the aluminum cans that they use.	The family recycle all the plastic bottles that they use, but their other plastic waste cannot be recycled.
The family recycles aluminum cans weighing 500g each week.	The family recycles all of their newspapers.