



Questions & Answers

1. What's the term used to describe a plastic, hessian or cloth carrier that gets used every time you visit the shops?
Bag for Life. Before the introduction of the NI Carrier Bag Levy in 2013, we used around 300 million plastic carrier bags each year in Northern Ireland, most of which end up in landfill
2. What type of animal will help you to save the amount of water used to flush a toilet?
A hippo (bag). Old toilet cisterns can use as much as 9 litres of clean water every flush. Reduce this by placing a 'hippo' or 'save-a-flush' bag in the cistern
3. Dripping taps can waste up to how many litres of water a day?
(a) 7 litres
(b) 30 litres
(c) 18 litres
Answer (b) 30 litres. Replace worn tap washers for a quick and cheap way of saving water
4. Does a full load in the washing machine use more water than doing two half loads?
No it uses less water than if you put on two half loads
5. Washing powders are responsible for killing wildlife living in UK lakes and rivers. True or False?
True. Some washing powders contain phosphates, which can harm the environment and cause large quantities of algae to grow in lakes and rivers, killing fish and other life forms
6. Tetra Pak cartons, often used for juice, soups and milk; can't be recycled as they're made from so many different materials. True or False?
False. Tetra Pak can be recycled in over 80% of all local authority areas in the UK or you can send them back to the manufacturer to be recycled
7. Councils won't collect some types of food packaging as it can't be recycled. True or False?
False. Almost all the 50-odd types of plastic that are manufactured can be recycled, but councils often only focus on recycling some of the easier ones to sort and recycle – and where there's a good market for the recycled product
8. Turning your thermostat down by 1°C could cut your heating bills by up to how much?
(a) 5 per cent
(b) 10 per cent
(c) 20 per cent
Answer: (b) 10 per cent, approximately £30 per year