

Reducing the environmental impact of our packaging.



Target

Ensure we never use more packaging than is needed, and what we do use is from sustainable sources and goes on to be reused or recycled.

1. Our packaging will be fully recyclable by 2025
2. All paper and board used will be 100% sustainable by 2025
3. Halve packaging weight by 2025

It's all part of our Little Helps Plan.

At Tesco we ensure all our packaging is designed to be used, reused, collected and recycled or repurposed so that none of our packaging ends up in landfill. We recognise the importance of packaging to protect the quality of our products, but we will also remove all unnecessary packaging and reduce it where we can.

83%

of Own Brand product packaging is 'widely recyclable'

94%

of plastic in our Bags For Life is from recyclable sources

31%

reduction in average packaging weight since 2007

Case study

Removing polystyrene from our pizza bases



In a bid to make our packaging more recyclable, we're replacing all our expanded polystyrene pizza bases with cardboard.

18 Tesco own-brand pizza lines will move to cardboard to help remove difficult to recycle packaging.

We've changed 32.5m trays to cardboard. As a result, over 300 tonnes of expanded polystyrene will be replaced.



What else are we doing on packaging?

Materials and design

We have committed by the end of 2019 to remove all hard to recycle material from our Own Brand packaging and have issued guidance to our suppliers. We are working collaboratively with them to find alternatives.

Recovery and recycling

We support developing a cost-effective Deposit Return System (DRS) whereby customers are incentivised for returning reusable packaging. At over 600 stores we offer recycling points for plastic films, carrier bags and are trialling reverse vending for plastic bottles.

Helping customers recycle more

Once a recognised and understood recycling infrastructure is in place, we will help customers with simple, clear and consistent recycling information on packaging. For example, we have introduced a new logo which can be found on bread bags and bags used for frozen products so our customers know what they can recycle at our stores.

UK Plastics Pact

Tesco is a signatory of the [UK Plastics Pact](#) bringing together businesses from across the plastics value chain with UK governments and NGOs to tackle plastic waste.

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