

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. Remove hard to recycle materials from our UK packaging by the end of 2019
3. All paper and board used will be 100% sustainable by 2025
4. 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'

2,914

tonnes of hard to recycle materials removed from UK Own Brand packaging

31%

reduction in average packaging weight since 2007

Case study

Loose packaging trial



In a bid to reduce packaging wherever possible, we are currently trialling the removal of packaged fruit and veg, wherever a loose alternative exists, in two UK stores.

A total of 45 packaged foods have been replaced by loose fruit and veg including varieties of apples, mushrooms, peppers, onions, bananas and avocados.



What else are we doing on packaging?

Materials and design

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

Recovery and recycling

We are trialling a reverse vending system for plastic bottles where customers are rewarded with money back for returning their bottles. To date we have collected over 100,000 bottles.

We are also trialling the collection of soft plastics such as pouches, films and bags which will be recycled using new technology.

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.

Find out more

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