



Your letters

Our June report on green dilemmas (p30) prompted many of you to join in the eco debate. Here's a selection of your views

Insulate yourself

It is always worthwhile reminding people to insulate their home, but I have yet to see advice on insulating yourself. There seems to be a culture these days to turn the thermostat up before putting on more clothes. Clothes these days can be incredibly insulating and you could turn the thermostat down by much more than one degree by wearing extra layers.

COLIN SCRIMGEOUR, GARTMORE

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Cold-water wash

You suggest washing at 30°C to do your bit for the environment, which I'm happy to do. But why can't we (as a relative of mine in New Zealand does) wash our laundry in cold water, using plant-based detergent? This would be even better and could make a huge difference to our electricity bills, too.

P BOOTH, READING

Wrong bottle

You shouldn't have shown an illustration of a milk bottle as a recyclable item (p31), as dairies do not want their bottles recycled. To get full value from dairies' initial financial and energy investment, milk bottles always need to be returned to them, so they can be washed, sterilised and recirculated. I understand that they can be reused many times.

COLIN NOAD, YATELEY

WHICH? SAYS You're not the only one to have noticed this oversight – our thanks to

everyone who pointed it out.

If you're having problems recycling plastic milk bottles, why not sign up for your local milk round? You can contact local deliverers through www.findmeamilkman.net. Many also deliver other items, such as butter, eggs, bread and cheese, at the same time.

Rubbish collections

Regarding the government's proposals for paying for rubbish collections by weight, anyone can put their rubbish in anyone else's bin – particularly so with early-morning collections or communal bins. The result would be that we end up paying for someone else's rubbish. Fly tipping could also increase if controls on rubbish collections are too stringent. People should not be penalised for not recycling until more local recycling centres are made available, or regular kerbside collections made for these materials.

TIM NELSON, SHEFFIELD



Can I recycle?



Phil: one symbol would help

You highlight the problems we all face in knowing whether something is recyclable and, if our council doesn't collect, whether we can actually put it in our local recycling centre, as there appears to be no national standard for these. I, and I suspect the majority of other people, do not need to know what things are made of, and especially what type of plastic a container might be. Rather, I just need to know whether something is recyclable. To this end there should be one, and only one, common symbol displayed clearly on all recyclable products.

PHIL LEADBETTER, DRIFFIELD

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