

Chaddesley cares about Plant Earth

I wonder how many habits have been changed in the last 12 months? Instead of doing what you always used to do, do you now do something different??

Sound like gobblygook? – not really it isn't. It's about doing something **automatically** now that you did not do 12 months ago.

Do you **automatically** check if the plastic container has a recycling mark somewhere, before you dump it in the dustbin (and so into landfill)?

Does all waste food **automatically** go into the compost box, along with egg boxes and some paper?

Are you now carefully saving tetrapack cartons (milk, juices, smoothies,..) for your next trip into Kidderminster? – Morrison's have a collection/recycling point for such cartons.

Do you **automatically** take your own bags with you when shopping, and even keep one in the car in case? It is marvellous to notice how many shops now ask if you want a bag, rather than presuming that you need one, even if the purchase is so small you can hardly see it at the bottom of the plastic bag.

Did you recycle Christmas paper this year, for use on another occasion? Or use newspaper for wrapping up stockings for the children? Or use old bits of material to wrap family presents?

Do you **automatically** turn off lights in rooms you are not immediately using?

It all needs to become second nature; that way the next generation will view it the same way, never having known anything different. Is it automatic for you? If yes, that is wonderful; if not yet, keep working at it!

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