

# The Essex Materials Exchange



## A free service to keep useful materials in circulation

The exchange is web based and its data base covers the whole of the Eastern Region. It operates very much like a computer dating agency.

### Who is it for?

- ✓ Public and private companies and commercial organisations
- ✓ Social enterprises, charities, organisations etc

### What it can do?

- ✓ Find free or cheaper sources of raw materials or equipment from anywhere in the region
- ✓ Reduce expenditure on waste disposal
- ✓ Improve environmental and social performance

### Can you give any examples?

- ✓ 1000l per month waste cooking oil to Bio diesel production
- ✓ 500 used but clean overalls for reuse by social enterprises in the County
- ✓ Up to 100 plastic 40 gallon drums used to hold flavourings to an allotment society as water butts
- ✓ Pallets to Scout sites for camp fires

### How does it work?

- ✓ Go to [www.eastex.org.uk/essex](http://www.eastex.org.uk/essex)
- ✓ Look at Material Available or Material Wanted
- ✓ Register you company or organisation on line. It only takes a few moments. When registered you can access details of adverts on the site, make contact and arrange an exchange
- ✓ If you can't see what you want simply place an "ad" by clicking on "add a record" and input the details of your material.

### What materials can be exchanged?

- ✓ A massive range from batteries to wood and timber

**What does it cost?**

- ✓ The service is absolutely free to users. It is funded by EEDA, the County and District Councils
- ✓ Materials advertised may well have value and are not available free. This is a matter for negotiation between the organisations concerned.

**What about the duty of care?**

- ✓ It is everyone's responsibility to ensure that waste is handled safely and in accordance with the law. Organisations and individuals are responsible for ensuring the safe and proper disposal or recovery of their waste even when they have passed it on to another party.

**How can I contact the Eastex Essex Materials Exchange**

- ✓ Please email us at [essex@eastex.org.uk](mailto:essex@eastex.org.uk) or
- ✓ Visit our website [www.eastex.org.uk/essex](http://www.eastex.org.uk/essex)