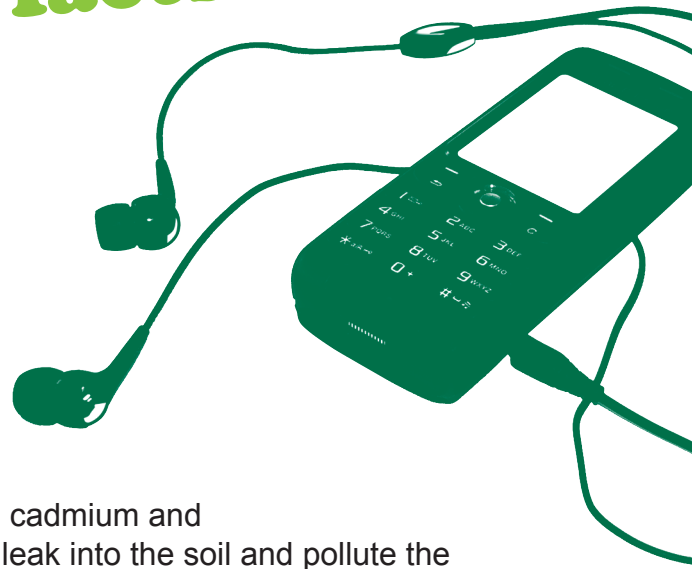


# Mobile recycling facts.

- In the UK alone, there are around 90 million mobiles in circulation. And more than 340 million in Europe.
- Every year, 18 million new mobile phones are bought, yet fewer than five per cent of old and unwanted handsets are recycled.
- More than three-quarters of the population will replace or upgrade their handset in the next 18 months.
- Some mobiles contain precious metals including gold and silver, and also toxic substances such as cadmium and mercury. If they end up in a landfill site, these can leak into the soil and pollute the surrounding environment. This is important – for example – one mobile battery can be enough to pollute 600,000 litres of water!



## What happens to the phones?

The unwanted handsets donated to Oxfam are sold to our recycling partner – Corporate Mobile Recycling Ltd, where they are checked and tested. Working handsets are sold second-hand, at affordable prices, in developing countries, where the market for them is growing. Broken handsets are dismantled and the parts are recycled with the European Union.

## What difference could your old handset make?

- 1 mobile could provide five textbooks for schoolchildren.
- 3 mobiles could pay for a school desk and chair.
- 5 mobiles could pay for a goat.
- 9 mobiles could train a midwife.
- 20 mobiles could buy two donkeys.
- 340 mobiles could build a classroom.

## Printer cartridge recycling facts!

- Approximately 60 million inkjet cartridges are used each year, but fewer than 10 per cent are recycled.
- Each inkjet cartridge can take up to 1,000 years to biodegrade.
- It takes 1.5 pints of oil to produce one new laser printer cartridge

## What's your old printer cartridge worth?

- 1 inkjet could pay for 10 sachets of oral re-hydration salts, which could save the life of a child suffering from diarrhoea.
- 1 toner cartridge could pay for two school books.
- 5 toner cartridges could pay for four special buckets used to store clean water safely in emergency situations.
- 6 toners and 3 inkjets could pay for two mosquito nets, to protect children from malaria and yellow fever.