

# Tubex Collection & Recycling Programme

Once their useful life protecting a tree has come to an end, the **Tubex Collection & Recycling Programme** aims to create a second life for Tubex Tree Shelters by reusing the plastic in them.

Tubex have a bespoke recycling centre and can **recycle** any **genuine Tubex tube**, however old and whatever its condition.

Order bulk bags and arrange collection via British Hardwood Tree Nursery (BHT) and recycle your tubes in **3 easy steps**.



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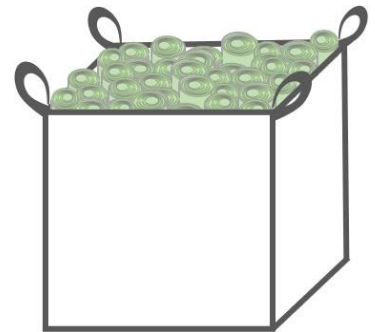
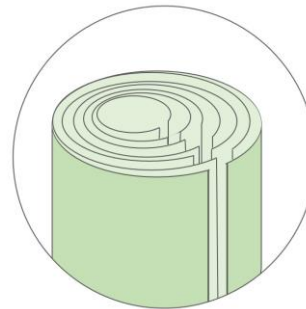
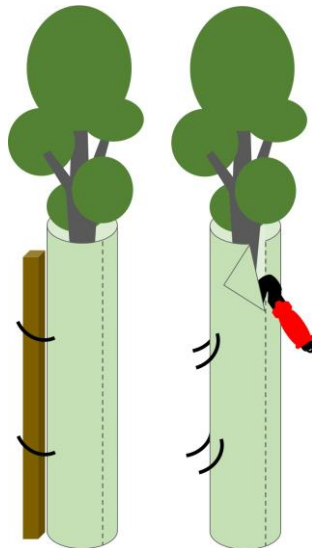
**COLLECTION & RECYCLING PROGRAMME**

**£39 + VAT / bag**  
(includes bag and collection)

**Minimum order quantity = 6 bags**

**NOTE:** Tubex are unable to recycle other brands of tree protection because they cannot guarantee what type of polymer has been used to make them.

To recycle other brands of tree protection we suggest using a local provider or [www.agri-cycle.uk.com](http://www.agri-cycle.uk.com).



**Tip:** Should you have less than 2100 tubes we recommend taking them to your local Recycling Centre for processing.

## Step 1: Order

Estimate how many Tubex Tree Shelters you plan to recycle and contact us to order your bags.

Each Tubex bulk bag can hold c.350 to 400 nested tubes.

We recommend wearing gloves and using a safety knife when removing tubes.

## Step 2: Removal

To remove the Tubex Tree Shelter, open or cut the cable tie and remove from the tube.

**Tip:** Cable ties can either be placed in the bottom of the Tubex bulk bag and Tubex will ensure they are recycled, or they can be taken to your local Recycling Centre.

Remove the stake.

Slit the tube down the join line using a safety knife to avoid damaging the tree.

Open the tube and remove it from the tree.

Nest the tubes together and place into the bulk bag, with the ends facing upwards, fitting as many into the bag as possible.

## Step 3: Collection

When you have filled at least 6 bags contact BHT to arrange collection.

Your details will be passed to Tubex who will be in contact to discuss when they will collect your bags.



**Tip:** Tubex will plan the optimum route to collect your bags along with other clients – so collection may not be immediate.

## Tubex Collection & Recycling Programme - FAQs

### **Is there a minimum order quantity that can be collected at any one time from a site?**

Yes. The minimum quantity for collection for each site visit is 6 bulk bags. 6 bulk bags will hold 350 to 400 standard tree shelters, so 6 bags is approximately 2100+ tubes.

### **Can any Tubex tree shelter be collected?**

Yes. Any genuine Tubex product, regardless of age or condition can be collected and recycled. They will be sorted into different materials (polymers) during the recycling process.

### **Can any plastic tree shelter or protection be collected and recycled by Tubex?**

No. Tubex are only able to recycle genuine Tubex products due to the unknown materials in other products.

### **Can I use any bulk bag?**

No. You should only use the dedicated Tubex branded bulk bags because this enables Tubex to calculate the quantity of material available for recycling.

### **How much do the bulk bags weigh when full?**

It depends on the type of Tubex product and how efficiently the bulk bags are filled, however as an estimate allow for 35-60kg.

### **Will the collection vehicle have a forklift truck on it?**

No. The bulk bags will need to be hand lifted (two person job) onto the collection lorry.

### **When will the collection scheme run?**

Collections will run from May to September (ie outside of the bare root planting season), however bags can be sent out all year round to be filled in preparation for collection.

### **Why do I have to pay for the bulk bags?**

The cost per bag covers postage, haulage, cleaning and processing. Whilst this is a not-for-profit Scheme, there are costs associated with recycling which need to be covered to make the scheme sustainable for the long-term.

### **Who fills the bulk bags?**

The customer is responsible for filling the bulk bags.

### **Who collects the bulk bags?**

Contact BHT to arrange collection of your bulk bags. Tubex will collect them. **Note** – Bulk bags must be left in a location where an articulated lorry will not be obstructed upon collection.

### **What happens to my bulk bags after collection?**

Once collected Tubex will take your filled bulk bags either directly to their facility for sorting and recycling, or to BHT HQ for storage until they are ready to process them.

### **Where is the Tubex Recycling Centre?**

It is centrally located in Derbyshire.

### **What happens to the bulk bag when it arrives at the Recycling Centre?**

The tubes are sorted and cleaned and then processed into plastic pellets.

### **What happens to the recycled plastic?**

The recycled plastic pellets created from the old Tubex tubes go on to be used in more Tubex tree protection or to Berry Global (who own Tubex) to assist in their manufacturing processes.

Tubex standard tree shelters already contain up to 30% of recycled polymer and the Tubex netting up to 85%. Tubex are aiming for their Standard tree shelters to be manufactured with 100% recycled content as soon as they have enough availability of recycled material. For more information please see [tubex.com/recycling/](http://tubex.com/recycling/).