

Chewing Gum and Doing Good A1+



A Gumdrop bin

You probably recycle paper, glass, plastic, and metal cans, right? But do you recycle chewing gum?

In 2005, Anna Bullus was a student at university. For a school project, she learned that chewing gum is very difficult to remove from desks in classrooms, and from the street. And it wasn't recycled.

So in her final year at university, Anna developed a method to transform old gum into a type of plastic to make pink bins. She called the bins "Gumdrops".

Now there are Gumdrops in many schools, parks and cities in the UK. The gum collected in them is used to make Frisbees, sports shoes, pencils, and more!

So if you are in Britain and you like to chew gum, don't forget to put your old gum in a Gumdrop. Then you can chew gum AND help the environment at the same time! ■

Help

remove (v) take away

desk (n) table where you study or work

bin (n) container where you put rubbish (detritus, things you don't want)

chew (v) masticate

