

Recycling – what you can and can't recycle in your blue lidded bin

How to present your recycling

- Empty, rinse and dry all bottles, jars and containers and place lids back on
- Flatten cardboard* and cartons – keep it dry
- Place lids back on all bottles, jars and cartons
- Items should go in loose
- All packaging should be empty

*Large pieces of neatly flattened cardboard can be left by the side of your recycling bin

Items for recycling

Glass

Glass bottles and jars

No flat glass/mirrors/drinking glasses etc

Metals

Drinks cans and food tins

Metal biscuit and chocolate tins

Aerosol cans* from the kitchen and bathroom (must be empty).

Aluminium foil (must be clean) – scrunch it up into a ball

Foil trays (must be clean)

No metal tubes, such as tomato puree

No paint tins

No cooking oil tins

****Avoid aerosols from the garage or shed that contain hazardous materials such as WD40 or spray paint***

Plastics

Plastic bottles, *including from the kitchen and bathroom*

Plastic pots, tubs, trays and punnets (*any colour except black*)

Plastic bags (not black), such as carrier bags; bread bags; salad and vegetable bags

Plastic film, such as bubble wrap, cling film and cellophane (must be clean)

No black plastic of any kind, including black food trays and bags

No plastic tubes, such as moisturiser, sun cream, hand cream or toothpaste

No hard plastic, such as coat hangers; storage boxes; children's toys; mixing bowls; Tupperware containers

No CDs & CD cases; video cassettes & cases

No plastic cutlery

No trigger sprays or pump action lids from household sprays and soaps (the bottles are fine)

No crisp packets or other metallised plastic wrappers i.e. from sweets; chocolates; biscuits; tea bags

No metallised food and drink pouches, such as from pet food or soft drinks

No plastic plant pots or seed trays of any colour

Cardboard

Large corrugated cardboard boxes

Other cardboard, such as cereal boxes and card from ready meals

Egg boxes, toilet roll, and kitchen roll middles

Files and folders without metal components

Greeting cards (plain cards only, no glitter, fabric or embellishments)

Cartons/ tetra paks

Food and drink cartons, such as milk, soups etc

Crisp tubes, such as Pringles

Paper

Newspapers, magazines, leaflets

Catalogues and directories

Office paper and envelopes

Wrapping paper* (plain paper only, no glitter, fabric or embellishments)

Shredded paper (place inside an open topped box such as a cereal box or paper bag to prevent the paper from blowing down the street and remember you only need to shred the part of the document that contains personal information rather than the whole document)

No kitchen paper/ tissues

No photographs

No wallpaper

****No tissue paper – this can't be recycled***

Books

Softback books and hardback books – ideally donate for reuse where possible

We are unable to recycle the following:

Food waste – place in your general waste (black bin)

Nappies – place in your general waste (black bin)

Textiles – Unless your council allows the use of a dedicated collection bag, textiles including clothing, footwear, handbags, belts, towels, blankets, duvets, and pillows are not acceptable in your kerbside collection. Please take them to your local charity for reuse or recycle at textile banks or your Recycling and Household Waste Site ([RHWS](#)).

Waste electrical or electronic equipment (WEEE) – Electrical items, batteries and light bulbs are not acceptable in the recycle bin. Unless your council allows the use of a dedicated collection bag, these need to be taken to your Recycling and Household Waste Site ([RHWS](#)) for recycling.