

# What can I put in my recycling bin?

Items should be  
Clean, Dry and Loose  
**Not tied up in  
plastic bags!**

	 Yes please	 No thanks
 <b>Paper &amp; card</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junk mail</li> <li>• Cereal &amp; egg boxes</li> <li>• Newspapers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Telephone directories</li> <li>• Catalogues &amp; magazines</li> </ul>
 <b>foil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean takeaway containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tin foil</li> </ul>
 <b>glass bottles &amp; jars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wine bottles</li> <li>• Beer bottles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jam jars</li> <li>• Sauce jars</li> </ul>
 <b>metal cans &amp; aerosols</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food cans</li> <li>• Drink cans</li> <li>• Pet food cans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Empty hairspray &amp; deodorant aerosols</li> </ul>
 <b>cartons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit juice cartons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soup cartons</li> <li>• Milk cartons</li> </ul>
 <b>plastic bottles &amp; containers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milk/drinks bottles</li> <li>• Bathroom/laundry bottles &amp; tubs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food, fruit &amp; ready meal pots, tubs &amp; trays</li> <li>• Plastic container lids</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shredded paper</li> <li>• Paper towels</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pet food pouches</li> <li>• Crisp packets</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pyrex<sup>®</sup></li> <li>• Drinking glasses &amp; crockery</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batteries</li> <li>• Electrical items</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic bags &amp; film</li> <li>• Plastic toys &amp; furniture</li> <li>• Plant pots &amp; seed trays</li> </ul>

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Why can't I recycle shredded paper?

Your recycling is sorted by a specialised sorting plant that receives, separates and prepares recyclables for marketing to manufacturers to be recycled into new goods. Shredded paper cannot be accepted within your recycling bin at home, due to it mixing with other materials such as glass and ruining the quality of the glass to be sold to the market. The sorting plant is a mainly automated mechanical process and unfortunately shredded paper has a tendency to erupt like a mushroom cloud within the plant. This is not to say shredded paper cannot be recycled, as it can be accepted for recycling in the Paper and Cardboard container at your local Household Waste Recycling Site.

## Can I put my recyclable items in a plastic bag?

No. Please do not put your recycling in plastic bags before putting them in your recycling bin. The sorting machinery is unable to tear open plastic bags. Please place your recycling in your bin: clean, dry and loose (not in bags or boxes).

## Why do I have to clean my items before putting them in the recycling bin?

All items put in your recycling bin should be clean, a quick rinse will do. Items that have left over food on them or liquid in them can ruin the quality of the other recycling put in your recycling bin. This can then ruin the rest of the recycling in the recycling lorries and at the sorting plant. Items that are covered with leftover food cannot be recycled.



## Why does my recycling have to be kept dry?

It is important that your recycling is kept dry and your recycling bin lid is kept closed. Please place all items placed in your recycling bin dry, please ensure no wet paper goes in your recycling bin and that all your cans and bottles are empty first. If your recycling gets wet, the paper and cardboard will become soggy and will not be able to be recycled. Also during the sorting process wet paper and cardboard will stick to the machinery and clog up the system. Glass will also stick to the wet paper and cardboard meaning the paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.

## Should I remove my plastic bottle tops before putting the bottle in my recycling bin?

Yes. Please remove the top before putting your plastic bottle in the recycling bin. If tops are left on the bottle, this can cause problems when sorting and separating your recycling. Plastic bottle tops, even if it is the same type of plastic, should be placed in your rubbish bin.

