

# 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> <li>• Telephone directories</li> <li>• Catalogues &amp; magazines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shredded paper</li> <li>• Paper towels</li> </ul>
 <b>foil</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean takeaway containers</li> <li>• Tin foil</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pet food pouches</li> <li>• Crisp packets</li> </ul>
 <b>glass bottles &amp; jars</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wine bottles</li> <li>• Beer bottles</li> <li>• Jam jars</li> <li>• Sauce jars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pyrex®</li> <li>• Drinking glasses &amp; crockery</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> <li>• Empty hairspray &amp; deodorant aerosols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Batteries</li> <li>• Electrical items</li> </ul>
 <b>cartons</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit juice cartons</li> <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> <li>• Food, fruit &amp; ready meal pots, tubs &amp; trays</li> <li>• Plastic container lids</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

## 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).

## Can I recycle shredded paper?

Please do not put shredded paper in your recycling bin as it gets mixed up with small pieces of glass and affects the quality of the glass to be sold onwards. Please compost it or place it in a paper and cardboard bank at a local household waste recycling site.

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

Items containing left over food or liquid cannot be recycled and spoil the quality of the other recycling at the sorting plant. Please give your items a quick rinse before placing them in your bin.



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

Please keep your bin lid closed and your recycling dry. Please ensure that all your cans and bottles are empty. Unfortunately glass sticks to wet paper meaning that the paper and the glass cannot be recycled. We are also unable to recycle wet paper and card.

## Can I recycle plastic bottle tops?

Unfortunately not as they can cause problems when sorting and separating recycling. Plastic bottle tops should be placed in your rubbish bin.

## Can I recycle items like cat food pouches and crisp packets?

No, unfortunately these items are plastic not foil.

