

Paper, Cans & Plastic Containers Specification



Paper Round

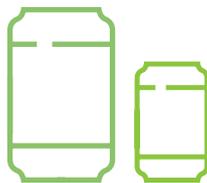


To protect the value in your materials and transform them back into high quality products, it's really important to reduce contamination. By maintaining the quality of your recycling, you can contribute to the circular economy, increase recycling rates and avoid contamination fees.

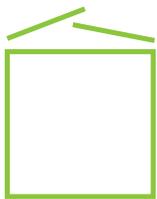
✓ Clean materials



All types of paper



Drink & food cans



All types of cardboard



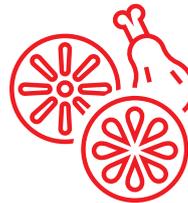
Plastic bottles (empty)



Pots and tubs (not black)

Pots and tubs must be rinsed and free of food

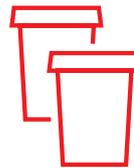
✗ Banned materials



Food waste



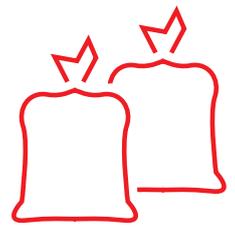
Glass bottles & jars



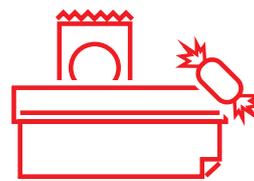
Coffee cups



Tissue- blue & white



Black bags



Plastic film, crisp packets & wrappers



Shredded paper

If the Paper, Cans & Plastic Containers stream regularly contains more than 5% banned materials, we will have to collect it as general waste and charge accordingly.

Q&A's



Do I need to rinse my food and drinks containers?

Yes. Items should be rinsed and / or wiped so they are free from food or grease, otherwise they will contaminate the rest of the recycling.

Why can I not recycle glass in the Paper, Cans & Plastic Containers stream?

Glass breaks in the sorting process into sharp shards. These shards damage the sorting equipment and reduce the quality of the other recycled materials.

Why can't tissue paper be recycled in the Paper, Cans & Plastic Containers stream?

Tissue paper has a water absorbent coating which means it can't be recycled.

Why can't plastic bags be recycled?

Plastic bags and film get caught in the sorting machines. Certain grades of plastic bags are technically recyclable but many aren't. We send all plastic film for energy recovery.

Why can't black plastics be recycled?

Black plastics currently contain a pigment which makes them invisible to optical sorters so will end up as general waste.

How should I recycle my coffee cups?

Due to the complex fusion of paper and plastic, coffee cups must be collected separately and sent to a specialist facility. We would be delighted to organise this for you, please contact us.

Can we recycle all products with this symbol?



No. The 'Green Dot' is a symbol signifying a financial contribution has been paid to a national packaging recovery scheme - it does not mean that the packaging is necessarily recyclable.

Why can't compostable packaging go into mixed recycling?

Compostable packaging must be sent to a composting facility to be recycled successfully. It must be collected separately from all other types of recycling. Contact us to find out more.

Why can't shredded paper go into the Paper, Cans and Plastic Containers stream?

Shredded paper is so fine that it falls through waste screens which filter out contaminants and small items which cannot be effectively recycled. Shredded paper can be collected separately and recycled.

What do I do with other materials not listed here?

We are always happy to advise you on all aspects of recycling, feel free to contact us. A lot of product labelling is very misleading. Sadly, if it's not clear, the chances are that it is not recyclable and it's best to dispose of it in general waste for energy recovery.

Head to our member's area for more resources such as signage, to help you recycle better.

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