



# WASTE GUIDE

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**Bywaters**  
recycling made easy





## What can go in dry recyclables?

Aluminium cans  
Books  
Calendars  
Cardboard  
Cards  
Coloured paper  
Diaries  
Directories  
Drink bottles  
Drink cartons  
Empty aerosol cans  
Empty Cans  
Envelopes  
Empty plastic bottles  
Empty plastic cartons  
Empty cardboard folders and files  
Empty plastic folders and files  
Empty yoghurt pots  
Greeting cards  
Magazines  
Newspaper  
Notebooks  
Packaging  
Paper  
Paper bags  
Paper cups  
Phone directories  
Plastic bags  
Plastic cups  
Plastic film  
Plastic laminate  
Pins  
Post it notes  
Posters  
Rinsed plastic food containers  
Rulers  
Staples  
Steel cans  
Tetrapak cartons  
Uncontaminated napkins  
Window envelopes

## What goes in non recyclables?

Crisp packets  
Ceramics  
Cling film  
Compact discs  
Contaminated food containers  
Contaminated napkins  
Erasers  
Pencils  
Pens  
Polystyrene  
Pyrex  
Rubber  
Scissors  
Sellotape  
Staplers  
Stickers  
Sweet wrappers  
Tape  
Padded envelopes  
DVDs

## What goes in glass?

Glassware  
Glass bottles  
Glass jars

## What goes in food?

Coffee grounds  
Food scraps  
Tea bags

## What goes in neither container?

Batteries  
Clothes  
Computers and parts  
Electronics  
Lights  
Mobile phones  
Pressurised gas cannisters  
Textiles  
Telephones  
Toner cartridges

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# F A Q

## Frequently asked questions about Recycling

**Q: When is food packaging considered dry recyclables, and when is it considered non recyclables?**

**A:** Food packaging such as plastic sandwich and salad containers is considered dry recyclables if it contains minimal contamination. If they are heavily contaminated, they would be regarded as non recyclables.

**Q: Why doesn't glass go in the recycling?**

**A:** Glass could contaminate paper in the dry recyclables and prevent this from being recycled, so it is best practice to recycle it separately.

**Q: Are paper towels considered dry recyclables or non recyclables?**

**A:** Paper towels are dry recyclables, providing they are not contaminated with food.

**Q: Are sweet wrappers considered dry recyclables or non recyclables?**

**A:** Sweet wrappers are considered non recyclables because of possible contamination from the sweets. Also, in general, the nature of the materials means that sweet wrappers are not currently readily recyclable.

**Q: Are crisp packets considered dry recyclables or non recyclables?**

**A:** Unfortunately, crisp packets are currently non-recyclable, as they consist of laminated materials: a plastic outer and a metallic inner. At present, Bywaters recycling facility cannot recycle these types of material; however, we are looking for solutions and will keep you updated on progress.

**Q: Are all cups considered dry recyclables?**

**A:** Plastic cups are dry recyclables. The cups need to be empty but don't need to be rinsed out. Unfortunately, we don't currently have an outlet for all types of polystyrene, so we recommend customers use plastic or paper to achieve maximum recovery rates. Bywaters have a separate collection service for coffee cups, please contact us if you would like more information.

**Q: What happens to non recyclables?**

**A:** Non-recyclables are sent to a state of the art energy from waste facility, and food waste goes to anaerobic digestion to produce energy.

**Q: Are toner cartridges considered dry recyclables or non recyclables?**

**A:** Toner cartridges are not considered dry recyclables because they burst and contaminate other recyclable materials. Toner cartridges should preferably be collected as part of a toner cartridge recycling scheme (contact your toner supplier), or a separate hazardous waste collection service should be arranged for toner cartridges. They should not be placed in your non-recyclables bin.