



WASTE GUIDE



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
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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FAQ

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.