

LET'S SORT IT OUT...

A guide to recycling
and using your bins
in the Wakefield
district

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Brown recycling bin

Please place the following **clean** and **empty** items in your brown recycling bin.



**mixed glass
bottles & jars**



**food tins
& cans**



aerosols

- ✓ Clear and coloured glass bottles
- ✓ Perfume bottles
- ✓ Baby food jars
- ✓ Jam and spread jars
- ✓ Oils and vinegar bottles
- ✓ Sauce jars

😊 Lids can be recycled but must be removed.

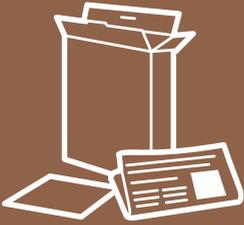
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Food tins
- ✓ Pet food tins

😊 Rinse tins and cans before putting them in the recycling bin.

- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Hairspray
- ✓ Polish
- ✓ Foam sprays

😊 Aerosols must be empty before they are put in the recycling bin.

EMPTY, WASH, SQUASH, LIDS OFF!



paper, card & cardboard

- ✓ Greetings cards
- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Catalogues
- ✓ Food packaging (e.g. cereal, biscuit boxes)
- ✓ Inner-tubes of toilet and kitchen rolls
- ✓ Cardboard boxes
- ✓ Envelopes and junk mail
- ✓ Washing powder boxes
- ✓ Wrapping paper - only if it stays scrunched up

 No shredded paper in the recycling bin.



plastic bottles

- ✓ Milk bottles
- ✓ Fizzy and non-fizzy drink bottles
- ✓ Water bottles
- ✓ Yoghurt drinks, smoothie and milkshake bottles
- ✓ Detergents and soap bottles (take pumps off)
- ✓ Fabric conditioner bottles
- ✓ Cleaning product bottles (e.g. bleach, bathroom cleaners)
- ✓ Suntan lotion bottles
- ✓ Skincare product bottles
- ✓ Shampoo and shower-gel bottles

 Bottle lids and triggers can be recycled, but must be removed where possible.



foil & foil trays

- ✓ Takeaway packaging
- ✓ Clean foil
- ✓ Foil pie dishes

 Make sure you scrunch up foil.

Brown garden waste bin



- ✓ Flowers and plants
- ✓ Bark, twigs and small branches
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Hedge trimmings and prunings
- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Weeds
- ☹️ No tree stumps, soil or turf please

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING BINS.



Putting the wrong items in your recycling bins can result in injuries to our staff and cause damage to the treatment facility.

Take them to your local recycling centre, or put them in your green household bin.

- X Bagged household waste
- X Nappies
- X Syringes
- X Food, raw meat
- X Plastic bags, plastic toys and polystyrene
- X Broken bikes
- X Hand tools, garden tools, knives and saws
- X Clothes, shoes and textiles
- X Paint tins, chemicals
- X Electrical items, e.g. toasters, kettles, irons, mobile phones, cables
- X Dead animals and pets
- X Clinical waste

Green household waste bin

Please use your green household bin for all your general waste. All these items belong in here:



plastic food containers

- ✓ Pots (e.g. yoghurt pots)
- ✓ Tubs (e.g. ice-cream)
- ✓ Fruit/vegetable trays



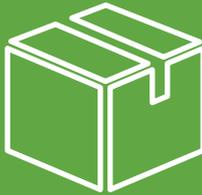
pet waste

- ✓ Pet waste
- ✓ Cat litter
- ✓ Animal bedding



household waste

- ✓ Nappies
- ✓ Window pane glass
- ✓ Broken glass and crockery
- ✓ Pyrex
- ✓ Lead crystal



packaging

- ✓ Polystyrene packaging
- ✓ Cartons and tetra-pak (e.g. juice and soup cartons)



food waste

- ✓ Fruit and veg
- ✓ Raw/cooked meat
- ✓ Bones and eggshells
- ✓ Tea and coffee grounds

What happens next?

Your contribution to recycling makes all the difference and means that we are on track to recycle more than 50% by 2020. With your continued help we can do even better!

We take all household waste to our state-of-the-art treatment facility at South Kirkby, which is playing a key role in reducing what we send to landfill.

Did you know?



From your brown recycling bins:

Aluminium cans are made into new ones and it only takes 8 weeks for them to be back on the shelves as new cans.



Recycled glass can be transformed into new bottles and jars, sand for golf bunkers and also road surfacing.



Plastics used in bottles can be transformed into a whole range of products that include fleece coats, bin liners, water butts and compost bins.



We create compost from your garden waste which is then used in agriculture.



From your green household bin:

We remove the remaining plastic bottles, scrap metal and aluminium from the rubbish and send these items for recycling.



We separate other plastics including all the pots, tubs and trays, plastic bags and pizza boxes which are sent as fuel to Ferrybridge.

The food waste is treated and we produce methane gas, this is then converted into the electricity we use on site.

Less energy is used to reprocess recycled materials so the more recyclables in your brown recycling bin the kinder we are to the environment.

Myth-busting

More and more people in the Wakefield district are recycling which is great news. However, some myths about recycling put people off sorting their household waste correctly. Here are the facts about recycling!

Myth

If I put any plastic in the green household bin it will go to landfill.

False.

Fact

We separate them out of the rubbish and send them for recovery. However, plastic bottles should be placed into your brown recycling bin, other plastics in your green bin.

Myth

All types of metals can go in the brown recycling bin.

False.

Fact

Only food tins, drinks cans, empty aerosols and clean foil should be put in the brown recycling bin. Other small metal items should go in your green household bin and we will separate it out. Larger metal objects should be taken to a recycling centre.

Myth

It doesn't matter what rubbish I throw in my brown recycling bin.

False.

Fact

Fact

If you place the wrong items in the brown recycling bin this could mean that some recyclable items may not get recycled as it is too contaminated.

Household waste recycling centres

The following items should be taken to your nearest recycling centres:

- ✓ Hand tools
- ✓ Scrap metal
- ✓ Small electrical appliances
- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Mixed textiles and clothes
- ✓ Mixed light bulbs
- ✓ Wood and timber
- ✓ Flat glass
- ✓ Household and garden chemicals
- ✓ Hard plastics

Between late March and late October we have a dedicated late night at each of the recycling centres:

South Kirkby	Monday	8am - 8pm
Glasshoughton	Thursday	8am - 8pm
Wakefield	Friday	8am - 8pm

For full opening times, directions and information about what else can be taken to the recycling centres visit: www.wakefield.gov.uk/recycling

Contact

If you want more advice on what to put in your bins please contact us:



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