



A-Z GUIDE TO WASTE AND RECYCLING

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO THROW?

CHECK YOUR MATE
RECYCLE MATE



A

Aerosol cans ●
Aluminium cans ●
Aluminium foil ●
Aluminium trays ●
Animal droppings ●
Asbestos ●

B

Bag ties ●
Band aids ●
Baskets ●
Batteries ●
Batteries (alkaline, car, NiMH, NiCad) ●
Beer bottles ●
Bicycles ●
Black seedling containers ●
Books ●
Bottle tops >5cm (metal) ●
Bottle tops (plastic) ●
Bottles (glass, plastic) ●
Boxes (cardboard) ●

Branches ●
Bricks and rubble ●
Bubble wrap ●
Building materials ●

C

Cake trays ●
Cans ●
Car batteries ●
Car/auto parts ●
Carbon paper ●
Cardboard ●
Cardboard - waxed ●
Carpet/carpet underlay ●
Cartridges (ink/toner) ●
Cassette tapes ●
Cellophane ●
Ceramics ●
Cereal box inserts ●
Cereal boxes ●
Chemicals ●
Chip packets ●
Cigarette butts ●
Cleaning rags ●
Cling wrap ●

Clothing ●
Clothing baskets ●
Coffee cans/jars ●
Coffee cups - takeaway ●
Compact disc covers ●
Computer paper ●
Computer parts ●
Concrete ●
Cooking oil ●
Corks ●
Cosmetic jars ●
Cotton wool buds ●
Crockery (intact) ●
Crockery (broken) ●
Curtains ●
Cutlery (metal) ●
Cutlery (plastic) ●

D

Detergent bottles (plastic) ●
Disposable nappies ●
Dog faeces ●
Doors ●
Drink cans ●
Drums (empty) ●

E

Egg cartons ●
Electronic appliances ●
Envelopes ●
Eye glasses ●

F

Flowers ●
Fluorescent tubes ●
Foam boxes ●
Foam meat trays ●
Foam underlay ●
Foil (aluminium) ●
Food cans ●
Food waste ●
Fridges ●
Fruit and vegetable peelings ●
Furniture ●

G

Garden waste ●
Gas bottles ●
Glad wrap ●

Grass clippings ●
Greeting cards ●

H

Hot water units ●
Household chemicals ●
Household goods ●
Hypodermic needles ●

I

Ice-cream containers ●
Ice-cream container lids ●

J

Jar lids (metal) ●
Jar lids (plastic) ●
Jars ●
Juice cartons ●
Junk mail ●

K

Kitty litter ●

Recycling

General Waste

Landfill

Charity

Waste Transfer
Station

Compost/Worm Farm

E-Waste

Pharmacy



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L

- Leaves
- Light bulbs
- Light tubes
- Lolly wrappers

M

- Magazines
- Margarine tubs
- Matchboxes
- Mattresses
- Meat scraps
- Meat trays (foam)
- Meat trays (plastic)
- Medicine bottles (empty/rinsed)
- Medicines
- Milk bottles
- Milk cartons
- Milk containers (plastic)
- Mobile phones
- Motor oil

N

- Nappies (disposable)
- Needles
- Newspapers

O

- Office paper
- Oils
- Ovens

P

- Paint
- Paint tins (dry)
- Paint tins (empty)
- Pallets
- Paper towel roll
- Pet food tins (rinsed)
- Pharmaceuticals
- Phonebooks
- Picture frames
- Pizza boxes
- Placemats
- Plant cuttings
- Plant pots

- Plasterboard
- Plastic bags
- Plastic containers
- Plastic strapping
- Plastic trays/baskets
- Plastic wrappers
- Plate glass (wrapped)
- Polystyrene
- Printer/toner cartridges
- Pyrex ovenware (broken)
- Pyrex ovenware (intact)

S

- School bags
- Scrap metal
- Seedling containers (not black - black plastic is not recyclable) (max. 10cm diameter)
- Shoes
- Silver foil
- Small branches
- Smoke alarms
- Soft drink bottles
- Soft drink cans
- Soft furnishings

- Spectacles
- Spirit bottles
- Sporting goods
- Steel (other than tins and cans)
- Steel cans
- Stoves
- Styrofoam
- Sweets wrappers
- Syringes

T

- Take away containers
- Tea bags
- Telephone books
- Televisions
- Textiles
- Timber
- Toilet paper rolls
- Toner cartridges
- Tools
- Toys
- Tree pruning
- Twine
- Tyres

V

- Vacuum cleaner dust
- Vegetable peelings
- Vinyl

W

- Washing machines
- Waxed cardboard
- Waxed paper
- Weeds
- White goods
- Windows
- Wine bottles
- Wrapping paper

Y

- Yoghurt containers



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