

What to put in your Brown Bin

We only collect **paper**, **cardboard**, **tins and cans**, **aerosols** and **plastic bottles** for **recycling**. They must be clean, dry and loose. Please do not put any other materials in your brown bin.
If in doubt, leave it out!

Paper



Cardboard



Tins and Cans



Aerosols



Plastic Bottles



 **No plastic bags or black sacks**

Keep me as a reminder!

Myth Busting – Your Questions Answered!

? Does it matter if I put the wrong things in my recycling bin?

If you put the wrong things in your bin, we have to remove them at the materials recovery facility. Removing and disposing of these items costs Hampshire County Council £1.9 million a year. The most mistakenly recycled items in our brown bins are: other plastic materials such as pots, tubs, trays and bags; glass; textiles; and food waste. Please only recycle the five materials listed overleaf.

? Can I put my recycling in a bag in my bin?

No, all items must be put clean and loose in your brown bin. Bagged items will not be recycled.

? Why are there so many different recycling symbols on packaging?

The huge variety of symbols on packaging can be confusing, please only recycle the five materials listed overleaf in your brown bin.

? Why don't you collect other plastic materials, like other councils?

We can only collect items where there is a guaranteed market, so we only collect plastic bottles at the moment. We are currently working with the other Hampshire local authorities with the aim of increasing the types of materials we collect for recycling. The government is also consulting on how to overhaul the waste system. In the meantime, all other plastic materials should be put in your black household waste bin.

? Plastic bottles - lids on or lids off?

Bottle tops are recyclable - please squeeze the air out of the bottle and then put the bottle top back on. Loose bottle tops cannot be recycled in your brown bin. All plastic bottles should be empty.

? Do you landfill or burn my household waste?

In Hampshire, around 6% of household waste is landfilled. Most household waste is burnt at one of three energy recovery facilities in Hampshire, producing 50 megawatts - enough electricity to power 53,000 homes.

? Why don't you collect glass from my bin?

In Test Valley, we have a comprehensive network of Local Recycling Centres with over 100 banks for recycling glass. This is a very cost-effective and efficient collection system. We know from research that these are very successful and that very few glass bottles and jars are thrown away in the black bins.

If we haven't answered all your questions, please contact the Environmental Service on **01264 368000** or **01794 527700** or email environmentalservice@testvalley.gov.uk. We will be happy to help you!

Join in. Recycle. Be a Recycling Star!

