

# WASTE GUIDE





### 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

Paper hand towels

Plastic laminate

Pins

Post it notes

Posters

Rinsed plastic food containers

Rulers

**Staples** 

Steel cans

Tetrapak cartons

Uncontaminated napkins

Window envelopes

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## What goes in non-recyclables?

Crisp packets

Ceramics

Cling film

Compact discs

Contaminated food containers

Contaminated napkins

Erasers

Pencils

Pens

Polystyrene

**Pvrex** 

Rubber

Scissors

Sellotape

Staplers

Stickers

Sweet wrappers

Tape

Padded envelopes

DVDs

### What goes in glass?

Glassware

Glass bottles

Glass jars

### What goes in food?

Food scraps

### What goes in neither container?

Batteries

Clothes

Computers and parts

Electronics

Lights

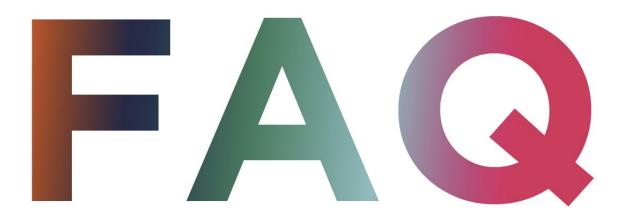
Mobile phones

Pressurised gas canisters

**Textiles** 

Telephones

Toner cartridges



# Frequently asked recycling questions

**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.