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

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 canisters
- Textiles
- Telephones
- Toner cartridges

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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.