

Recycling - some common questions answered

Although putting out the bins has become a regular habit and most of us know which material goes in the mixed recycling wheelie bin, this article provides some assistance if it is not clear at the moment.

General:

- ⇒ You should be aware that **only bins with lids shut flat** will be emptied and if a bin contains items that cannot be recycled it will not be emptied
- ⇒ Electrical items should be taken directly to your nearest recycling centre.
- ⇒ Soil, turf, building materials, small amounts of toxic items, (paint, garden chemicals, cooking and motor oil, fluorescent tubes and bulbs) and car parts should be taken directly to your nearest recycling centre.

Mixed recycling (blue wheelie bin):

- ⇒ Items should be **rinsed before putting into the bin** just using washing up water. Tops can be left on.
- ⇒ Include plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays. These often fall into 1,2 & 5 codes on plastic items (check the number inside the recycling triangle symbol for the type)
- ⇒ **Takeaway cups** cannot be recycled in the blue wheelie as they contain a plastic film which cannot be removed by the recycling centre. Their lids also cannot be recycled as they are not made of recyclable plastic.
- ⇒ Bottles containing chemicals such as bleach and kitchen cleaners can be safely recycled. All you need to do is make sure the bottle is empty and that the lids are left on.
- ⇒ Don't forget you can also include **clean tin foil and trays and aerosols** in the blue wheelie bin.
- ⇒ Do not include **plastic bags, polystyrene, cling film or sweet/biscuit wrappers, plant pots, toys, pet food pouches, coat hangers, china or household glass**
- ⇒ Do not include items which should go in the Paper box or General Waste wheelie bin

Garden recycling (green wheelie bin)

- ⇒ Only include **grass cuttings, plants & flowers, leaves, tree and hedge trimmings, weeds (non - noxious) and small branches**
- ⇒ Do not include **turf, soil, stones, compostable liners, food, pet bedding and litter, plant pots, noxious weeds**

General waste (black wheelie bin)

- ⇒ Include items that **cannot** be recycled, including plastic bags, nappies, plant pots, toys, polystyrene trays, cups and packaging, crisps, sweet and biscuit wrappers, china, household glass, pet bedding and litter and empty paint tins
- ⇒ Do not include batteries, and garden waste

Paper and cardboard recycling (paper box):

- ⇒ Only include **paper and cardboard** if these items are clean and loose.
- ⇒ You can also include kitchen / toilet roll **tubes** and **cardboard egg boxes** in the paper box.
- ⇒ Do not include **waxed or laminated paper, takeaway cups or shredded paper**.

Food recycling (food caddy):

- ⇒ Line your caddy with plastic bags, compostable liners or newspaper
- ⇒ Only include **food** (raw, cooked, burnt, mouldy or out of date), **peelings, plate scrapings, tea bags & coffee grounds, pet food, bones, shells and skins**
- ⇒ Do not include **non-food items, oil or fats, plastic packaging**

Textiles recycling (red textile sacks):

- ⇒ Place in red textile sacks on top of your mixed recycling bin or bag
- ⇒ You can include **clothing, accessories, outerwear, shoes (paired), towels, blankets and curtains**
- ⇒ Do not include wet or soiled clothing, slippers, single shoes, duvets, pillows or sleeping bags
- ⇒ You can request new bags by contacting the waste team at www.chiltern.gov.uk/wasteteam

Battery recycling (clear bags)

- ⇒ Place in small clear bags on top of your mixed recycling bin or bag
- ⇒ Include household batteries, mobile phone batteries, laptop batteries, power tool batteries
- ⇒ Do not include damaged / leaking batteries, car batteries or industrial batteries

As well as the main Amersham recycling centre on London Road East, HP7 9DT, together with the Chesham recycling centre on Latimer Road, there are small recycling centres in the following car parks:

- ⇒ Rickmansworth Road in Amersham
- ⇒ Cameron Road and Water Meadow in Chesham
- ⇒ Blizzards Road in Chalfont St Giles
- ⇒ Snells Wood in Little Chalfont
- ⇒ Church Lane in Chalfont St Peter