

A photograph of a man and a young boy in a kitchen. The man, on the left, is smiling and has his hand on the boy's head. The boy, on the right, is wearing glasses and is focused on sorting through clear plastic bottles. The background shows a kitchen counter with a microwave and other items.

A Guide to Accepted Recycling Materials at Home.

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INTRODUCTION

This guide is for residents across the Liverpool City Region, which includes Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral.

It explains what you can recycle from your home, what can't go in your recycling bin, and how to present your materials correctly so they can be processed successfully.

Recycling rules can vary between areas, so this guide reflects the collections provided across the Liverpool City Region.

Please note: St Helens operates a separate recycling service, with different collection arrangements. For information about recycling in St Helens, visit

www.sthelens.gov.uk/recycling



Almost 89% of UK citizens say they regularly recycle most accepted materials.



However, 81% of citizens are putting non-recyclable rubbish in recycling bins.

HOW TO PRESENT YOUR RECYCLING:

Leave 'em Loose!

Recycling should always be placed in your recycling bin loose, that means no plastic bags! Plastic bags can get caught in machinery so just lift the lid and pop your recycling in, simple.



Wash Don't Squash!

Dirty recycling can contaminate materials like paper and card, so plastics, metals, bottles, cartons and glass just need a quick rinse, pop the lids on and toss them in your recycling bin. We use a variety of methods to sort recyclable materials by features like shape and size, so if you squash them, they may not be recognised and instead be treated as contamination, what a waste!



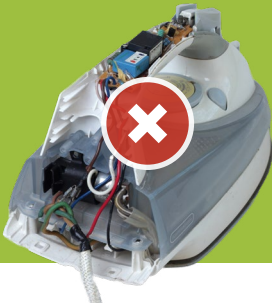
Keep 'em Dry!

Cardboard and paper should be popped in your recycling bin dry, and free from any potential contaminants like food residue or liquids. Stained or dirty paper and card can't be recycled as it can contaminate other materials, creating more waste. If you're unsure, please put it in your general waste bin.



Check your Tech!

If it has a plug, uses batteries or needs charging, it's an electrical item and shouldn't go in your household bins. Take electricals and batteries to your local recycling centre to be recycled.



CARDBOARD



Yes please

- Boxes (e.g. cereal boxes, delivery boxes, dishwasher tablet boxes)
- Corrugated cardboard
- Egg cartons
- Envelopes
- Plain greeting cards
- Takeaway boxes



No thanks

- Card that is stained/dirty with food, grease, paint, etc. (e.g. pizza boxes)
- Glitter covered greeting cards

Remember cardboard should be clean and dry!

Cardboard is pulped and recycled into new cardboard and packaging products, lower-grade paper products and animal bedding.



CARTONS



Yes please

- Juice cartons
- Milk cartons
- Plant-based drinks cartons
e.g. oat, almond, soya milks
- Soup or sauce cartons



No thanks

- Cartons with food or drink still inside
- Cartons with straws attached
- Paper cups or takeaway coffee cups

Remember cartons just need a quick rinse to remove any food or drinks residue, then they can be popped in your recycling bin.

Recycled cartons can be used to create new products such as paper towels and even building materials.



GLASS



Yes please

- Drink bottles of any colour (e.g. wine, beer, spirits)
- Jars (e.g. sauces, baby food, spreads)
- Non-food bottles (e.g. perfume bottles, aftershave bottles)



No thanks

- Drinking glasses
- Glass cookware
- Lightbulbs
- Mirrors
- Nail varnish bottles
- Vases

Remember glass bottles and jars just need a quick rinse and can be popped in your recycling bins.

Certain glass items, like candle jars are created using special glass that can withstand high temperatures and are therefore not able to be recycled alongside regular glass bottles and jars.



METALS



Yes please

- Aerosol cans (e.g. deodorant, hairspray, shaving foam)
- Aluminium foil
- Aluminium tubes
- Biscuit/Chocolate/Sweet tins
- Drink cans
- Foil trays
- Food tins



No thanks

- General kitchenware (e.g. cutlery, pots, pans)
- Laminated foil (e.g. pet food pouches, drink pouches, coffee pods)

Remember drink cans can be recycled over and over again, just make sure to give them a quick rinse and pop them in your recycling bin!

Metallic pouches and pods are currently made of a mixture of materials that are difficult to recycle and are not accepted currently.

PAPER



Yes please

- Brown paper
- Envelopes (including windows)
- Gift wrap / Wrapping paper*
- Leaflets and flyers
- Magazines, brochures, and catalogues
- Newspapers and supplements
- Paper tape
- White paper (e.g. computer paper, letters)



No thanks

- Cotton makeup pads
- Crisps or sweet wrappers
- Hygiene/Sanitary products (i.e. nappies, wipes, sanitary towels, etc.)
- Paper that is stained/dirty with food, grease, paint, etc.
- Shredded paper
- Tissues
- Used paper towels
- Wallpaper

*Perform the scrunch test! Scrunch gift wrap or wrapping paper into a ball in your hand, if it stays in a ball, you can pop it in your recycling bin, just remove any stickers or tape before!

Remember remove any plastic wrapping and free gifts from newspapers, magazines and flyers before recycling

- High grade paper is recycled into newspapers, magazines and paper stock.
- Mixed paper is pulped and recycled into lower grade paper products.
- Shredded paper cannot be recycled due to the fibre size and sorting mechanisms, instead it can be popped in your compost or rubbish bin.

PLASTICS



Yes please

- Bottles (e.g. drinks bottles, cleaning bottles)
- Pots (yoghurt pots, plant pots)
- Takeaway containers
- Trays/punnets (e.g. vegetable, fruit and meat trays)
- Tubes (e.g. hand cream, face wash, toothpaste)
- Tubs (e.g. ice cream tubs, butter tubs, sweet tubs)



No thanks

- Carrier bags
- Crisp/sweet wrappers
- Hard plastics (e.g. garden furniture, plastic toys)
- Laminated pouches (e.g. pet food pouches, drink pouches)

Remember plastics need a quick rinse if they contain residue, then put the lid back on and pop in your recycling bin!

Plastics are recycled to produce numerous products including new bottles, pipes, fibres, food trays etc.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

There are **16 Household Waste Recycling Centres** (HWRCs) across the Liverpool City Region, accepting an even larger range of materials for recycling and disposal.

To find your local recycling centre please visit
recycleright.org.uk/recycling-in

Don't forget, if you're visiting in a van or with a large trailer you'll need to make a booking.



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Recycling is great, but reducing and reusing our waste is even better. If you've got something that is still in working order, but no longer of use, can you rehome it? Or if it needs a bit of TLC, what about visiting a repair shop?

For more tips visit **zerowastelcr.com**



VISIT US AND LEARN MORE

Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre: See your recycling in action! The Recycling Discovery Centre at Gillmoss offers FREE visits for you to delve into the world of waste!

Rail Transport Loading Station Visitor Centre: Visit our centre in Knowsley to see how waste we can't currently recycle is transported by train to an Energy from Waste facility in Teesside.

For more information or to book your visit head to recycleright.org.uk/visit-us

