



Hull
City Council

Your guide to **recycling right**

Have you **Bin Smart** Today?

AVOID HAVING YOUR RECYCLING REJECTED

Each week, Council staff carry out checks on the contents of the Blue Bins. These checks show that when residents tie up items in carrier bags or bin bags, they often contain items that contaminate the recycling. These items include nappies, dog waste, food waste, clothes, textiles and feminine hygiene products.

Removing these unwanted items manually at the sorting plant costs the council an additional £500,000 per year; a waste of money that could be better spent on other council services.

To save this waste of money, Blue Bins that contain bagged items – and other items that shouldn't go in them – will not be emptied.



**GET BIN
SMART!
USE THIS
GUIDE TO GET
RECYCLING
RIGHT**

KEEP IT OUT OF THE BLUE BINS



NO BAGGED WASTE

(This includes carrier bags, black bin bags and other bin bags)



NO FOOD WASTE



NO NAPPIES



**NO CLOTHES
or TEXTILES**

Your blue bin will not be emptied if it contains these things. If we spot these things whilst your bin is being emptied we may remove your bin.



What goes in your **BLUE** bin

ONLY the items listed below go in the **BLUE** bin.

- ✓ Paper
- ✓ Empty aerosol cans
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Empty tins and cans
- ✓ Empty plastic bottles
- ✓ Empty food containers (excluding polystyrene)
- ✓ Clean kitchen foil
- ✓ Empty glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Empty food and drinks cartons (Tetrapak)
- ✓ Telephone directories
- ✓ Books
- ✓ Empty carrier bags

If in doubt; leave it out!



PLEASE NOTE

All items **MUST** be placed in the bin loose and **NOT** in carrier or bin bags or it will not be emptied.



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NO FOOD WASTE



NO NAPPIES



NO CLOTHES OR TEXTILES

KEEP IT CLEAN

Tip any food residue into your food waste caddy and give the items a quick swill in the washing up water after you've done the dishes.



PERFECT AND READY FOR THE BLUE BIN

BROWN bin

Use your **BROWN** bin for garden waste such as grass cuttings, leaves and twigs as well as your food waste contained in compostable food waste bags.



NO SOIL, STONES OR RUBBLE



NO CAT/DOG WASTE



NO PLASTICS, GLASS OR PACKAGING



NO WOOD

PLEASE NOTE

ONLY use Council provided liners in your kitchen caddy. Free liners are available from your collection crew.



BLACK bin

This is used for anything you can't recycle; crisp packets, bubble wrap, nappies, polystyrene, etc. If you are unsure if something can be recycled, put it in the **black** bin.

We can only collect what is inside the bin and the lid must be closed.



REMEMBER

Present bins by 7am

Return bins to property when emptied

Keep bin lid closed

Number your bins

Frequently asked questions

- Q** What happens if my Blue Bin is not emptied?"
- A** We will tell you what the problem is. Remove the wrong items and we'll empty the bin, along with your next batch of recycling, on the next collection day.
- Q** Someone else is placing the wrong things in my bin!
- A** It's your bin and your responsibility to make sure what's inside is correct, removing anything that isn't before collection.
- Q** Why can't the collection crew remove wrong items?"
- A** It would take too long. They have a lot of houses to collect from and if they had to keep stopping to sift through people's recycling, they wouldn't be able to complete their rounds on time.
- Q** I get confused with all the recycling symbols you see on packaging!
- A** It can be confusing. That's why we've provided you with this guide. Ignore the recycling information on the packaging and check what WE can recycle in Hull in this booklet or online at hull.gov.uk

Need help? Got a question?
We're here to help.

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