



City of  
Doncaster  
Council

# Quick Recycling Guide

**Follow OUR guide! Not YOUR packaging!**

## What goes where?



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Putting clean items in the right containers helps us recycle efficiently.



These items go into your blue recycling bin



### Plastic bottles only

Remove lids, empty and rinse before recycling.



### Paper & cardboard

Remove plastic packaging and polystyrene before recycling.



### Aerosols, cans, tins & foil

Remove lids, empty and rinse cans and tins before recycling.

Additional cardboard can be flattened and placed in a sturdy cardboard box at the side of the blue bin



 **Garden Waste**  
Please continue to use your green bin for garden waste

Your green bin should only contain the following

- Grass cuttings
- Leaves
- Plants and weeds
- Hedge clippings
- Prunings and twigs
- Old or dead houseplants



These items go into your green recycling box



### Glass bottles & jars

Empty and rinse - no broken glass, lids, pyrex or sheet glass.



Put in a carrier bag next to your blue bin or green box



### Small electricals

Such as toasters, Kettles or hairdryers. No batteries.



## More information

← Want to learn more about what happens to your recycling? Visit [www.doncaster.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/recycling)

# Top tips to help us recycle more and collect quickly



## Blue bins are collected every two weeks

Items should be placed loose in your blue bin (not in bags). Please ensure all items are clean and dry and your blue bin lid is firmly closed to prevent 'wind blown' littering.

- ✓ Empty, rinse and squash plastic bottles and metal tins
- ✓ Remove plastic and metal lids and recycle them loose
- ✓ Flatten cardboard boxes and tear-up large pieces
- ✓ Remove plastic film and polystyrene from cardboard packaging first
- ✗ No glass (use your green box)
- ✗ No plastic pots, tubs and trays or bags / film (use your black bin)
- ✗ No liquid food cartons and pouches (use your black bin)
- ✗ No food waste (use your black bin)
- ✗ No nappies or sanitary products (use your black bin)



## Green boxes are collected every two weeks

on the same day that your blue and green bins are collected.

- ✓ Empty and rinse glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Take care not to crack or smash glass
- ✗ No Pyrex, window or sheet glass (use your black bin)
- ✗ No broken glass (use your black bin)
- ✗ No lids (use your blue bin)



## Green bins are collected every two weeks

Collections from March to the end of November. All waste must be contained inside your green bin with the lid firmly closed. If you have more garden waste that one bin can handle, you can subscribe to our additional green bin collection service [www.doncaster.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/recycling)

- ✓ All types of green plant matter
- ✓ Leaves and grass cuttings
- ✓ Small root balls
- ✓ Small twigs
- ✗ No tree branches more than 5cm diameter
- ✗ No soils, stones or rubble
- ✗ No food waste
- ✗ No pet bedding

## Sorting your recycling well doesn't just help the planet, it also benefits your local community.

When recycling is contaminated with things we can't process, we have to pay to remove and dispose of those items. This is an avoidable cost that could allow more money to be invested in other important areas, such as adult social care and children's services.

## Recycling plastics

### Not all plastics are the same

Some plastics are more difficult to recycle than others. We only collect the plastic items we know we can recycle:



- ✓ Plastic bottles and bottle lids can both be recycled in your blue bin



Please empty the contents and remove bottle lids before putting them in the blue bin.

Plastic pots, tubs and trays, e.g. yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, food trays are not currently recycled and should be placed in your black bin.

### What happens to the plastic in the black bin?



Plastics we can't currently recycle like plastic pots, tubs, trays, bags and film placed in your black bin are used to generate electricity.



Did you know **more than 95%** of Doncaster's waste is diverted from landfill?

## Common items that should not go in either your recycling or garden waste bins

- ✗ General waste
- ✗ Soil, rubble and stones
- ✗ Nappies and sanitary products
- ✗ Plastic pots, tubs, trays, bags and film
- ✗ Batteries and vapes
- ✗ Liquid food cartons and pouches
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Tissues and kitchen roll
- ✗ Textiles

*If in doubt, please leave it out!*

## We cannot collect batteries or vapes, they cause fires

Please consider buying rechargeable or reusable items instead of single use items (batteries/vapes).

- ✓ Most supermarkets offer to take back household batteries.
- ✓ Household batteries, car batteries and electrical items, including vapes, can be taken to a household waste recycling centre (HWRC).



For a full list of items we accept at our HWRCs, please visit our website [www.doncaster.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/hwrc).





# Household waste recycling centres (HWRCs)

HWRCs provide a wide range of recycling and household waste disposal services.



There are six HWRCs in Doncaster, for more details please visit: [www.doncaster.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/hwrc)



Sorting your waste in to different types/materials before visiting site will maximise the amount we can recycle



If you have items that are in good condition that could be reused please inform site staff.



*Scan for  
more HWRC  
information*

## Opening hours

9:30am – 7pm\*

1 April to 30 September

9:30am – 5pm\*

1 October to 31 March

\*with the exception of Armthorpe, which is open 8.30am – 7pm year round.

Please ensure you arrive with adequate time to unload your vehicle, all vehicles must be off site before the advertised closing time.

Some sites are not open every day of the week. For details about your local sites please check:

[www.doncaster.gov.uk/hwrc](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/hwrc)

## Bulky waste collections



Did you know the Council offers a free collection service for reusable items in good condition?

Reusable items should be free of rips, stains, scratches or other damage. Upholstered items should have “fire labels” still attached. Unfortunately, we cannot collect electrical items for reuse.

If you have large items that are not suitable for reuse that you cannot transport, you can pay us to collect them from your home.

You can easily arrange a bulky waste or reuse collection on our website or by phone.

[www.doncaster.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/recycling)



## Please remove all batteries

Batteries should always be taken out of electrical items and recycled separately where possible. **Batteries can start fires.**