

Your recycling collection guide

Don't Forget!
Your new recycling and refuse service starts Monday 5th April



A big thank you...

...for helping us to recycle over 6,067 tonnes last year in the Malvern Hills District. That is equivalent to the weight of 9,707 original Mini Cooper cars. This is brilliant!

You can now recycle more!

We are improving your service to make it easier for you to recycle more. You can place items for recycling loose into your cherry coloured recycling sacks.

Our new sorting facility will allow us to recycle lots more materials. You will be able to recycle items such as yogurt pots, all cardboard boxes and juice cartons. This guide tells you how to use your new service and explains what happens to the recycling once it has been collected.



Here's how...

You sort...

- Place items for recycling loose in your cherry coloured recycling sacks
- Items for recycling should be rinsed out
- Do not squash bottles or tins
- Keep paper and card flat

	food tins & drink cans		paper
	cardboard		cartons
	plastic bottles & containers		

We collect...

Rubbish - weekly



Recycling - weekly



We collect items for recycling in the cherry coloured recycling sacks and the rubbish in the black sacks, at the same time, on the same day, once a week

- Your collections will be from the boundary of your property, nearest the public highway
- Ensure your cherry recycling sacks and your black rubbish sack are ready for collection by 7:00am on the day of your collection
- Please ensure your sacks do not cause an obstruction on public footpaths or highways

Together we recycle!

- All your recycling will be taken for sorting at our new facility so that it can be recycled into new products

Don't forget

- Any items placed in your black rubbish sacks will not be recycled and are taken for disposal
- Please do not put needles or blades in your recycling or black sack collection. Please call for advice on how to correctly dispose of these items
- Assisted collections can be arranged for elderly or disabled residents please call 01684 862151 for more information

What should I do with my old purple and clear recycling sacks?

If you have purple and clear sacks left from your previous recycling service feel free to use them up before using the cherry recycling sacks. Please follow this new Guide for advice on what to put in them.

What can I recycle?

You can recycle...

Please remember...



food tins & drink cans

- ✓ food tins
- ✓ drink cans
- ✓ aerosol cans
- ✓ sweet / biscuit tins
- ✓ metal jar lids

- ! Rinse tins and cans
- ! Push sharp lids inside tins

Tip - Labels can be left on
Tip - No need to squash



plastic bottles & containers

- All plastic bottles e.g.
- ✓ drinks bottles
 - ✓ milk / juice bottles
 - ✓ detergent / fabric conditioner bottles
 - ✓ cleaning / bleach bottles
 - ✓ toiletry bottles

- ! Rinse bottles and containers
- ! No black plastic
- ! No tops, lids, pumps, film, foil etc

Tip - Labels can be left on
Tip - No need to squash

- Plastic containers e.g. **NEW**
- ✓ yogurt pots
 - ✓ margarine / ice cream tubs
 - ✓ fruit / vegetable punnets
 - ✓ plastic meat / fish trays
 - ✓ cream / custard pots
 - ✓ cake / pastry trays
 - ✓ soup / sauce pots
 - ✓ egg boxes



paper

- ✓ newspapers / magazines
- ✓ phone directories
- ✓ catalogues / brochures
- ✓ junk mail / leaflets
- ✓ letters
- ✓ greetings cards
- ✓ envelopes

- ! Keep paper flat
- ! Remove plastic wrappers

Tip - You can compost your shredded paper at home



cartons

- All cartons e.g. **NEW**
- ✓ milk / juice / smoothie cartons
 - ✓ fabric conditioner cartons
 - ✓ soup / chopped tomatoes cartons
 - ✓ custard cartons

- ! Rinse cartons

Tip - No need to squash
Tip - Plastic spouts can be left on



cardboard

- ✓ thin cardboard boxes e.g. cereal boxes, ready meal boxes
- ✓ corrugated / thick cardboard boxes **NEW**
- ✓ egg boxes
- ✓ kitchen / toilet roll tubes

- ! Flatten cardboard boxes and tubes
- ! Remove inner packaging

* You cannot recycle textiles in your recycling collection but there are re-use organisations, charity shops and recycling sites where you can donate textiles for re-use and recycling.

* You cannot recycle glass in your recycling collection as it poses a number of health and safety risks to the collection crews and those working at EnviroSort. The process of opening sacks would shatter the glass into tiny pieces that are too small to recover and recycle. Please recycle your glass at your nearest recycling site.

What happens to my recycling?

After your recycling is collected it is taken to our new, bigger and better sorting facility, called EnviroSort, which has opened near Worcester.



1. The recycling delivered to EnviroSort is loaded onto conveyors where it is first checked by hand to remove anything which shouldn't be there

2. A vibrating machine then separates the flat things, like paper and card, from the rest of the recycling



3. The paper and card is then further sorted before being baled



4. The cans and plastics then pass under a magnet which removes the steel cans and tins



5. Plastic bottles, pots, trays and tubs are separated using special scanners

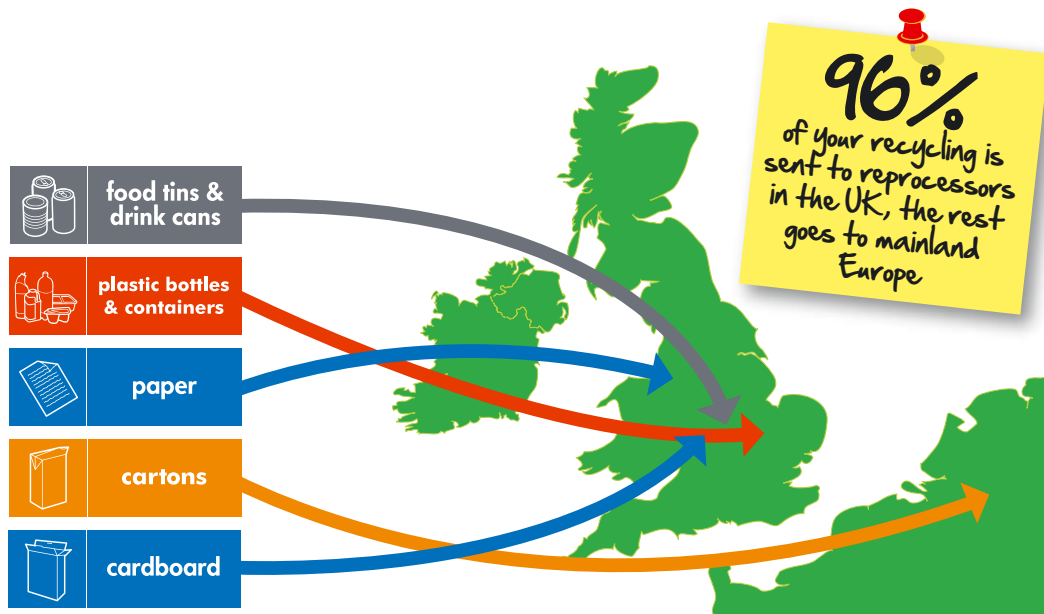


6. Aluminium cans are removed using eddy current separators



Once sorted the separated materials are sent for recycling. Turn over to find out where your materials go and what they are made into.

Where does my recycling go?



Markets for recyclables are constantly changing. For up-to-date details of where your recycling goes visit www.envirosort.co.uk

What does my recycling become?



New cans, parts for cars, aeroplanes and lots of other new metal items!



New packaging, fleece clothing, pipes, outdoor furniture and lots of other plastic items!



All your paper becomes newspapers; cardboard is made into new cardboard packaging!



The paper is separated and used to make new paper products. The plastic parts are either further separated or used as a fuel to power the mill!

Your questions answered...

Q. Do I need to squash bottles, cans and cartons and scrunch up my paper?

A. Please do not squash your plastic bottles, cans and cartons or scrunch up your paper. The machinery at EnviroSort works best if these materials are in their original state. The main separator at EnviroSort works by separating flat things e.g. paper and card, from 3D things like cans and bottles. That's why we ask you not to squash bottles, cans and cartons or scrunch up paper.

Q. Can I put shredded paper into my cherry recycling sacks?

A. It is difficult to recycle shredded paper, we suggest you keep shredding to a minimum and put any shredded paper inside an old envelope and into your recycling collection. Alternatively, a much better way of recycling your shredded paper is to put it in your home composting bin along with your fruit and vegetable peelings. It makes excellent compost!

Q. Why can't I put textiles into my recycling collection?

A. As your recyclables are now collected mixed together we can no longer collect textiles for recycling because they will get spoilt. You can donate textiles to charity for re-use and there are also recycling sites throughout your area where you can take unwanted textiles.

Q. Why can't I recycle glass in my recycling sacks?

A. You cannot recycle glass in your recycling collection as it poses a number of health and safety risks to the collection crews and those working at EnviroSort. The process of opening sacks would shatter the glass into tiny pieces that are too small to recover and recycle. Please recycle your glass at your nearest recycling site.

Q. Can I get more recycling sacks?

A. Malvern Hills District Council will provide each property with 2 cherry recycling sacks per week. If you require additional recycling sacks please contact us on the number below and we will be more than happy to provide them to you free of charge.

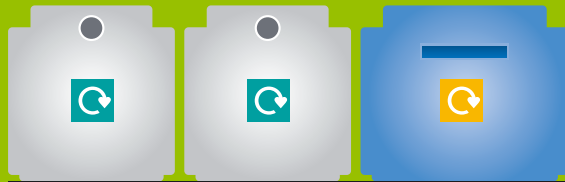
For more information about recycling please visit:

www.malvern hills.gov.uk or call 01684 862151

Where can I recycle other items?

You can recycle specific items such as furniture, batteries and electrical items by taking them to recycling sites, re-use organisations and charity shops where they will be re-used or recycled.

To find your nearest recycling site contact us using the details below.



For more information on recycling please visit:

www.malvernhillsgov.uk

Or call:

01684 862151

For more ideas on how to prevent waste visit

www.wastemissionimpossible.org.uk

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