

You've told us you want more information on how to recycle specific items. So we have produced this detailed guide featuring the most common items we are asked about to help you get your recycling right.

ALUMINIUM FOIL TRAYS

such as takeaway carton bases should not be put in your green bin/cherry sack but taken to Household Recycling Centres.

ALUMINIUM FOIL

if used for covering food it can be recycled as long as it is clean. To test if any type of foil is recyclable scrunch it in your hand and if it holds its shape you can recycle it at Household Recycling Centres.

ALUMINIUM TUBES

eg for tomato puree, should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

ASH

from wood burning fires is an excellent form of waste to add to your compost at home, or as a soil fertiliser. Do not put in your green/black bins or black/cherry sacks.

AEROSOLS

can be recycled in your green bin/cherry sack just remove the lid first. This also applies to roller balls.

BATTERIES

all household batteries including 'button' watch batteries and battery packs for mobile phones and laptops should be recycled at Household Recycling Centres and some supermarkets. Do not put in your green bin/cherry sack.

BOOKS/CDS/DVDS

can be donated to charity shops or Household Recycling Centres in Tenbury and Worcester will accept them. Do not put in your green bin/cherry sack.

BOTTLES AND JARS

made of all types of coloured glass can go in your green bin but for health and safety reasons cannot be accepted if you are on a sack collection. They can be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

BLACK PLASTIC

cannot be accepted by our recycling facility so should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

BABY FOOD POUCHES

these should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

BISCUIT AND SWEET TINS

can go in your green bin/cherry sack including the lids.

CANS

can be put in your green bin/cherry sack just rinse them out first.

CAR BATTERIES

these should be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

COFFEE PODS/CAPSULES

Some brands of single use plastic coffee pods/capsules offer their own returns recycling service. Otherwise dispose of in your black bin/sack.

CARDBOARD

and light white card (for example cereal boxes) can go in your green bin/cherry sack. Anything corrugated or thick will also be accepted. Small amounts are also good for composting at home.

CARRIER BAGS

can be recycled in store at most large supermarkets but use a reusable bag to reduce the need for them in the first place. Do not put them in your green bin/cherry sack.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

including bedding can be recycled at Household Recycling Centres or your local recycling banks but should not go in your green bin/cherry sack as they cannot be accepted this way. Good quality items can be donated to your local charity shop.

COMPUTERS

including laptops and monitors should be recycled at Household Recycling Centres.

CHRISTMAS TREES

real ones can be taken to Household Recycling Centres or cut up and disposed of in the Garden Waste bin (provided they fit in the bin!)

“COMPOSTABLE” COFFEE CUPS

Can be put in home composting. They cannot be put in the green bin/cherry sack.

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CRISP PACKETS

these cannot be recycled as they contain foil which cannot be separated. They should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

CUTLERY AND CROCKERY

if in good condition donate to a charity shop. Otherwise broken crockery can be recycled in the hardcore and rubble container at Household Recycling Centres and metal cutlery in the metal container.

DRINKS CARTONS

can go in your green bin/cherry sack, just remove the straw which should go in your black bin/sack.

DOG FOOD TINS

please rinse out, push in the lids, and put in your green bin/cherry sack. The foil pouch versions should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

ELECTRICAL ITEMS

such as microwaves, radios, games consoles, kettles, toasters etc should be taken to Household Recycling Centres in Malvern, Tenbury and Worcester. If an electrical appliance has a plug, uses batteries or needs charging or has a picture of a crossed out wheeled bin on it then it can be recycled. Or you can use our Bulky Waste Collection Service.

EGG BOXES

made from cardboard are fully compostable at home or can go in your green bin/cherry sack. Plastic boxes can also go in your recycling. Polystyrene cartons should go in your black bin/sack.

EGG SHELLS

can be composted at home. When crushed they can also deter slugs from eating your plants, just sprinkle around the base.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHT BULBS

can be recycled at Household Recycling Centres. If you have any of the older incandescent bulbs dispose of them in your black bin/sack. They contain a different type of glass and metal parts so cannot be recycled.

ENVELOPES

Paper envelopes can go into your green bin/cherry recycling sacks. If you have "window" envelopes, the plastic "window" does not need to be removed before being put in the bin. Padded envelopes can not be disposed of in the green bin/cherry sacks.

FOOD WASTE

Some food waste can be composted otherwise it should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

FOIL POUCHES

these should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

FISH AND CHIP PAPER

this should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

GARDEN WASTE

can be composted at home, taken to Household Recycling Centres or sign up for our garden waste collection service www.malvern hills.gov.uk/garden-waste

GREETING CARDS

can be recycled in your green bin/cherry sack but first tear off any parts with glitter, bows or ribbon on them.

GRASS

can be composted very effectively providing that it is mixed with equal quantities of other material, for example scrunched up newspaper, or put it in your garden waste bin as it is.

GREASEPROOF PAPER

(used and scraps) free from food can be composted at home if ripped up first or in small amounts. Do not put in your green bin/cherry sack.

HAY

and other natural pet bedding can be added to your home compost heap so long as your pet is vegetarian.

HARDCORE AND RUBBLE

such as bricks and wood should be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

INKJET CARTRIDGES

are accepted by many charities that will gladly recycle them on your behalf. They can also be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

IRONING BOARDS

should be taken to Household Recycling Centres. Remove the cover and place in the textiles container and the metal board in the metals container.

JUNK MAIL

you can use the Mailing Preference Service to remove yourself from the mailing lists used by many companies. Alternatively put it in your green bin/ cherry sack.

KITCHEN ROLL TUBES

can be composted at home or put in your green bin/ cherry sack.

KITCHEN UTENSILS

can be recycled at Household Recycling Centres.

LIDS

please remove and place in your green bin/ cherry sack. Film lids, such as on plastic trays, should be removed and disposed of in your black bin/ sack.

METAL

can be recycled at Household Recycling Centres.

MOBILE PHONES

can be donated to charities or there are companies that will pay for old handsets. Try searching online. Unwanted handsets and accessories can also be returned to phone shops for recycling. They can also be taken to the Household Recycling Centres in Malvern, Tenbury and Worcester.

MEDICINES

you can put empty glass medicine bottles in your green bin but not cherry sacks. Please take all other medicines to any pharmacist where they will be disposed of safely and the bottles recycled. Blister packs for tablets and pills are not recyclable.

NAPPIES

that are disposable should be put in your black bin/sack. Cloth nappies are an excellent alternative to disposable ones and can save money and reduce waste. See page 8 for more information.

OIL

either cooking or engine should never be poured down drains, it can contaminate drinking water and harm wildlife. Engine oil should be taken to Household Recycling Centres. Cooking oil can be recycled at the Worcester East Household Recycling Centre in Bilford Road, Worcester. Otherwise please seal oils in an appropriate watertight container and dispose of in your black bin/sack.

PAPER

including envelopes, magazines and catalogues can be recycled in your green bin/cherry sack. No need to remove windows from envelopes.

PAINT

can be disposed of at Household Recycling Centres.

PILLOWS

can be taken to a charity shop, or the inner feathers/down can be composted at home, and the fabric recycled at Household Recycling Centres.

PIZZA BOXES

and other cardboard based fast food containers that are stained with grease should not be recycled but disposed of in your black bin/sack.

PLASTERBOARD

can be taken to local Household Recycling Centres except for sites in Upton and Worcester West. Call ahead using the details on page 8 if you are unsure.

PLASTIC TUBS/TRAYS

including margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, ice cream tubs, fruit punnets and raw meat trays can all go in your green bin/cherry sack. All colours accepted except for black.

PLASTIC BOTTLES

including bleach, fabric conditioner and shampoo bottles can be recycled. Rinse out and then place in your green bin/cherry sack. Remember if they have a pump or other filter (such as hand soap bottles) to remove them first and put in your black bin/sack.

PLASTIC WRAPPING

such as clingfilm or polythene should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

PYREX

while this is a type of glass it has been specially treated to withstand high temperatures and this makes it non-recyclable. Dispose of it in your black bin but do not put it in sacks for health and safety reasons. Please take to Household Recycling Centres instead and put in the landfill container.

RAGS

old fabric rags or stained t-shirts make good general rags. When they are past good use, if the material is natural, such as cotton, you can compost this material at home.

READING GLASSES

there are lots of charities that want reading glasses to give to people that need them. Try a search online. Most opticians will also accept your old glasses for reuse.

SAWDUST/WOOD SHAVINGS

Cannot be disposed of in the green bin/cherry sack. They can be used as pet bedding.

SHOES

with some wear on them should be tied together and recycled at Household Recycling Centres.

SAUCEPANS

can be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

TELEVISIONS

can be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

TOOTHPASTE TUBES

both the squeezable and pump action tubes should be disposed of in your black bin/sack.

TOOTHBRUSHES

manual ones can be disposed of in your black bin/sack or use them to scrub grout, tiles or hard to reach areas. Electric toothbrushes can be taken to Household Recycling Centres.

UMBRELLAS

if you are able to detach the fabric canopy you could recycle the metal at a Household Recycling Centre.

VACUUM DUST

can be composted at home or disposed of in your black bin/sack.

WRAPPING PAPER

can be recycled in your green bin/cherry sack if it holds its shape when scrunched. Remove any sticky tape, bows and ribbons first. If it springs back then dispose of it in your black bin/sack.

WHITE GOODS

including dishwashers, freezers, fridges, washing machines, tumble dryers, cookers etc can all be taken to Household Recycling Centres. Remember, if an electrical appliance has a plug, uses batteries or needs charging or has a picture of a crossed out wheeled bin on it then it can be recycled.

YOGHURT POTS

rinse out and then place in your green bin/cherry sack. Place film lid in your black bin/sack.