

# What can I recycle?



The following page should give you a handy guide to what you can and can't recycle. If you are still unsure whether we collect a material or not, please contact us on:

01491 823416 or email [recycling@southoxon.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@southoxon.gov.uk)

✓ We do collect:

**Any paper and cardboard, including:**

- Catalogues
- Cereal boxes
- Corrugated cardboard
- Envelopes (including envelopes with windows)
- Greeting cards
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Phone directories (including the Yellow Pages)
- Tissue boxes
- Toilet roll tubes
- Writing paper

**Glass**

- Mixed glass bottles and jars - any colour  
(Although we don't take window panes, glass cookware/pyrex, glasses, broken glasses etc)

**All plastic packaging, including:**

- Carrier bags
- Detergent bottles
- Drinks bottles
- Food and drink cartons (Tetra Paks)
- Food trays
- Ice cream tubs

- Margarine tubs
- Plastic plant pots
- Plastic milk cartons and bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Yoghurt pots

## Metal

- Aerosols
- Foil
- Food tins
- Steel and aluminium food and drink cans (please wash and squash them first)

All these can go in your bin together and should be loose (no bagged materials).

We prefer all materials to be clean and the labels removed.

See the food waste page for information on what you can put in your food bin.

**X** We don't collect the following items for recycling:

- Cat litter / animal litter or straw
- Cat food pouches
- CDs and cassettes (reusable ones can go to charity shops)
- Children's toys (take to charity shops)
- China or broken crockery
- Cling film
- Cork
- Crisp packets / pringles tubes
- Expanded polystyrene
- Cold ash
- Metal coat hangers
- Mirrors
- Nappies
- Pill packets (e.g. ibuprofen and paracetamol)
- Plastic coated paper cups
- Rubber bands
- Sanitary products
- Sweet wrappers
- Textiles and footwear

All of the above go into your grey rubbish bin.

## What other ways can I recycle?

You can also recycle glass, drinks cartons, textiles and footwear at [recycling banks throughout the district.](#)

## Why can't I put things like crisp packets and cat food pouches in the green?

These items are made of a combination of foil and plastic and as the components cannot be separated they cannot be recycled and should go in the grey bin.

**Why is cling film not accepted in the green bin?**

Cling film can cause serious problems in the sorting facility. It wraps around the moving parts of the machinery and cause breakdowns so please do not put it in your green bin.

**Why don't you collect textiles?**

Textiles can become entangled in the sorting machinery at the recycling plant. There are, however, recycling banks for textiles and shoes around the district. Alternatively, wearable clothing and shoes should be taken to a charity shop.