

# Brown bins (recycling)

Melton Borough Council guidance (Oct 2023)

## Acceptable recycling



- Glass (No flat glass/mirrors/drinking glasses)
- Aerosol cans from the kitchen and bathroom (These must be empty. Please avoid aerosols from the garage or shed that contain hazardous materials such as WD40 or spray paint.)
- Aluminium foil and foil trays (These must be clean)
- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays and punnets (Any colour except black)
- Plastic bags (not black) such as carrier bags, bread bags, salad and vegetable bags
- Plastic film, such as bubble wrap, cling film and cellophane (These must be clean)
- Cardboard including egg boxes, toilet roll, and kitchen roll middles (Please flatten boxes and remove any polystyrene or sticky tape)
- Other cardboard, such as cereal boxes and card from ready meals
- Files and folders without metal components
- Greeting cards (No glitter, fabric or embellishments)
- Cartons/tetra packs
- Food and drink cartons, such as milk, soups
- Paper - Newspapers, magazines, leaflets, catalogues, directories and envelopes
- Wrapping paper (Plain paper only. No glitter, fabric or embellishments.)
- Shredded paper (Place inside an open topped box such as a cereal box or paper bag. Only shred the part of the document that contains personal information.)
- Softback books and hardback books – ideally donate for reuse where possible

## Unacceptable recycling

- Black plastic
- Food waste
- Nappies
- Polystyrene
- Green waste
- Toys - most charity shops accept usable old toys
- CDs and DVDs - most charity shops accept old DVDs and CDs that still work
- Liquid filled bottles (Please empty, rinse and dry bottles before placing in the bin)
- Wood
- Ceramics
- Ornaments
- Large electrical or electronic equipment (Any equipment that is too big to fit in a standard size carrier bag cannot be left by your bin)
- Certain types of paper - kitchen paper/tissues, photographs, wallpaper and tissue paper
- Certain metals - metal tubes (such as tomato puree), paint tins and cooking oil tins
- Crisp tubes (such as Pringles)
- Trigger sprays or pump action lids from household sprays and soaps
- Crisp packets or other metallised plastic wrappers (for example, from sweets; chocolates; biscuits; tea bags)
- Metallised food and drink pouches, such as from pet food or soft drinks
- Plastic plant pots or seed trays of any colour
- Medical blister packs (such as paracetamol packs)
- Paint tins

## How to present your recycling

- Empty, rinse and dry all bottles, jars and containers and place lids back on
- Flatten cardboard\* and cartons – keep it dry
- Remove any polystyrene or sticky tape from cardboard boxes
- Place lids back on all bottles, jars and cartons
- Items should go in loose
- All packaging should be empty