

Recycling checklist

This sheet will help you record what types of packaging are recyclable where you live (whether that's through kerbside recycling, or another recycling scheme such as a drop-off point at a local shopping centre, or by mail), so you have the information available for easy reference in future.

Don't forget to check if Terracycle (a private company that specialise in recycling hard-to-recycle plastics) operate in your area,

which materials they accept for recycling and how you can recycle them. It's usually by mail or at specified drop-off locations.

Once you know which packaging types can be easily recycled and which ones cannot, it will help you make less wasteful choices. All things being equal, it's going to be better to choose the packaging that is recyclable over the one that is not.

Material	Kerbside Recycling	Other Recycling	Not recyclable
Steel (canned food including fruit, vegetables, beans, meat and fish products)			
Aluminium (drinks cans including soft drinks, mixers and beer, and foil)			
Glass			
Cardboard			
Paper			
Paperboard (a mix of paper and plastic, often used for chilled milk cartons)			
UHT / Tetrapak containers (a mix of paper, plastic and aluminium used for packaging long-life liquids)			
Laminated foil (used in stand-up pouches for liquids, cat food and packaged coffee beans: looks like metal either inside or outside but feels like plastic)			
Plastic #1 PET / PETE (clear and colourless packaging including drinks bottles and rigid plastic containers)			
Plastic #2 HDPE (opaque plastic milk containers)			
Plastic #3 PVC (some clingfilm or clingwrap)			
Plastic #4 LDPE (plastic bags, bread bags, six-pack rings, some food containers)			
Plastic # 5 PP (can include sauce bottles, microwaveable containers, medicine bottles, yoghurt containers, margarine tubs)			
Plastic #6 Polystyrene PS (expanded polystyrene is used in 'foam' food containers, meat trays, sauce containers; non-expanded polystyrene is used for bread tags)			
Plastic #7 'Other' (a collection of plastics not in the first six groups, which includes bioplastic and compostable plastic)			
Other			