Help us to collect clean, dry, quality items that can be recycled into new materials

We take your recycling to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where it is sorted by machinery and by hand.

Due to the materials being sorted by hand, it is important not to place the wrong items such as food waste, nappies or pet waste in your recycling bin.

This is contamination and means they cannot be recycled. Every tonne of contaminated recycling costs the council approximately £100 to transport and dispose of.

When is my collection?

To find out when your rubbish and recycling is collected, visit: www.durham.gov.uk and use the ‘My Durham’ section with your house number and postcode.

Collection times can change, so please put your containers out by 7am on the morning of your collection. Please bring them back to your property the same day.

For more information, including the reuse and recycling A to Z, please visit www.durham.gov.uk/whatgoeswhere or call 03000 261 000

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Recycling

Tins, cans and aerosols
✓ food tins and drink cans
✓ metal lids
✓ biscuits and sweet tins
✓ aerosols
✓ foil trays

Plastic bottles and tubs
✓ all plastic bottles
✓ yoghurt pots
✓ ice cream tubes
✓ margarine and butter tubs

Paper, cardboard and cartons
✓ plain paper and envelopes
✓ newspapers and magazines
✓ junk mail
✓ telephone directories
✓ cardboard (flattened)
✓ plain greetings cards
✓ liquid food and drink cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak)

Please ‘bin it right’ to make sure your recycling bin is emptied.

Thank you for helping us recycle

Know which bin to put it in

General rubbish
✓ food waste
✓ nappies
✓ pet waste
✓ black plastic bags
✓ black plastic food trays
(sorry, we can no longer recycle these)
✓ polystyrene
✓ broken glass
✓ tissues
✓ kitchen roll
✓ wipes

These items should not be in your recycling bin

Please do not bag items in your recycling bin/box as we must be able to see the contents.

Other recycling

Electrical items, wood, garden waste, hard plastics (such as children’s toys and garden furniture), metal objects (such as bikes and pans), textiles* (duvets and clothes), batteries, light bulbs/tubes and large flat packed cardboard boxes can all be recycled at household waste recycling centres. Visit: www.durham.gov.uk/hwrc

* textiles can also be donated to charity.

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Glass bottles and jars
✓ All shapes and colours.
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