

Waste and Recycling



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Symbol	Meaning
	Widely Recycled This label is applied to packaging that is collected by 75% or more of local authorities across the UK, for example plastic bottles.
	Check Locally This recycling symbol is applied to packaging that is collected by between 20% and 75% of local authorities, for example specific types of plastic
	Not Yet Recycled This symbol indicates that less than 20% of local authorities will collect the packaging for recycling, for example crisp packets.
	Remove Sleeve/Film This symbol is on packaging where film or liners can be easily removed via a perforated strip without needing to use a knife, pair of scissors or other tool.
	Recycle with bags at larger stores Some supermarkets accept plastic bags for recycling. You can take plastic cereal bags, kitchen roll wraps, bread bags, multipack shrink wrap, magazine wraps, and more, to be recycled.
	Mobius Loop This indicates that an object is capable of being recycled, not that the object has been recycled or will be accepted in all recycling collection systems. Sometimes this symbol is used with a percentage figure in the middle to explain that the packaging contains x% of recycled material.
	Glass This symbol asks that you recycle the glass container. Please dispose of glass bottles and jars in a bottle bank, remembering to separate colours, or use your glass household recycling collection if you have one.
	Recyclable aluminium This symbol indicates that the item is made from recyclable aluminium.
	Recyclable steel This symbol means that the product is made of steel. All local authorities collect steel cans for recycling. Other steel or metal items can be taken to your household recycling centre.
	Waste electricals This symbol explains that you should not place the electrical item in the general waste. Electrical items can be recycled through a number of channels.
	Paper, card and wood The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) logo identifies wood-based products from well managed forests independently certified in accordance with the rules of the FSC

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	<p>The Green Dot The Green Dot does not necessarily mean that the packaging is recyclable, will be recycled or has been recycled. It is a symbol used on packaging in some European countries and signifies that the producer has made a financial contribution towards the recovery and recycling of packaging in Europe.</p>
	<p>Tidyman This symbol from Keep Britain Tidy asks you not to litter. It doesn't relate to recycling but is a reminder to be a good citizen, disposing of the item in the most appropriate manner.</p>
	<p>Compostable Products certified to be industrially compostable according to the European standard EN 13432/14955 may bear the 'seedling' logo. Never place compostable plastic into the recycling with other plastics; as it is designed to break down it cannot be recycled and contaminates recyclable plastics. Plastics that carry this symbol can be recycled with your garden waste through your local authority.</p>
	<p>Polyethylene Terephthalate This is one of the most common plastics used for packaging, for example drinks bottles, tubs. It is generally recyclable.</p>
	<p>High-density Polyethylene This is another of the more common plastics, being used for milk, shampoo, detergent bottles. Usually recyclable.</p>
	<p>Polyvinyl Chloride This is used for manufacturing window frames and doors, but is also used for food trays and cling film. It is not recyclable.</p>
	<p>Low Density Polyethylene This is sometimes used in toys and containers, as well as carrier bags and bin liners. They are reusable, but not usually recyclable.</p>
	<p>Polypropylene This is used to make furniture, rugs, luggage and some toys. It is not generally recyclable.</p>
	<p>Polystyrene This is used for protective packaging inserts, but also CD cases and takeaway food trays. It is not recyclable.</p>
	<p>Other kinds of plastic Plastics not defined by the previous groups are put under this category. Generally not recyclable.</p>