






Some simple pointers to make the most of your recycling collections

Huntingdonshire residents can recycle a wide range of materials via the kerbside collections including the most common items; glass, paper/cardboard, cans/tins and plastic bottles. But did you know we can also recycle:

-  Aerosols
-  Plastic pots tubs and trays, including black trays
-  Clean foil
-  Drink cartons
-  Stretchy, flexible plastics, like bread bags



The tougher flexible plastics, which tear rather than stretch cannot be recycled at the kerbside and should be disposed of in your refuse bin.

A common misconception is around black sacks, they cannot be used for your recycling. This is because the crews cannot then see that they contain just recyclables. If you want to use a bag, please keep it clear or transparent for this reason, although recycling can be placed loosely in your recycling bin. Rather than putting the bag into the bin, you could empty the contents and reuse it again and again.

Textiles cannot be accepted at the kerbside as they can get ruined when mixed with the other materials on the collection, especially glass. To recycle your textiles, they can be donated to charity shops, dropped at any of the clothing banks across the district (<https://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins-waste/recycling-centres/#RecyclingBanks>) or taken to the household recycling centres.

We are also often asked about polystyrene. Unfortunately, we cannot take polystyrene in your recycling collections. The quality of the plastic is too low to be able to have an end market for this. Polystyrene should be disposed of in your grey refuse bins.

And lastly, do not forget, recycling needs to be clean so as not to contaminate other materials when being collected. This can be done at the end of the washing up; it does not need to be sparkling.

If you are still in doubt, please get in touch.  

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