

# Are you Bin smart?



Your recycling bin guide

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**Nottinghamshire  
County Council**



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Nottinghamshire County Council, your local District or Borough Council and Veolia are all working in partnership to increase the amount of household waste that is recycled. But in order to do this we need your help!

This guide has been created to let you know how you can do your bit to increase recycling rates by ensuring that the right waste goes in to the right bin – in short becoming 'Bin Smart!'



## What happens to my recyclable waste?

Recyclable materials are collected from the kerbside by your local council.

They are then taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) in Mansfield. This is where your recycling is sorted and bundled before being sent on to companies that will recycle the materials to make new products.

However, for the MRF to work at its best, we need the right waste in the recycling bin.

## Why do I need to get Bin Smart?

- It's really important to find out the recycling dos and don'ts in your local area. If we recycle properly then local recycling rates can increase and the amount of waste that goes to landfill can be reduced.
- You can help by making sure that recyclables listed on this guide are put into your recycling bin. If you're unsure about where to put other waste items, please visit our website:

[www.areyoubinsmart.co.uk](http://www.areyoubinsmart.co.uk)

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## ✓ Yes please

Please remember your recyclable material should be clean, dry, empty and loose.

Please **do not** put your recyclable items in plastic carrier bags.



### Paper

- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Magazines and catalogues
- ✓ Junk mail



### Cardboard

- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Egg boxes
- ✓ Cardboard tubes



### Tins and cans

- ✓ Food tins
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Aerosol cans



### Plastics

- ✓ Drinks bottles (e.g. pop, squash, milk)\*
- ✓ Shower gel and shampoo bottles\*
- ✓ Cleaning product bottles\*
- ✓ Yoghurt pots\*
- ✓ Margarine tubs\*



\*Please take your lids off and put them in your general waste bin.

## ✗ No thanks

These items are not suitable to go in your kerbside recycling bin.



### Plastics

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Food trays
- ✗ Fruit and veg punnets
- ✗ Juice cartons
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Bottle lids
- ✗ Plastic containers
- ✗ Food pouches
- ✗ Toys
- ✗ Coat hangers
- ✗ Plant pots



### Other items

- ✗ Glass bottles and jars\*\*
- ✗ Garden waste\*\*
- ✗ Clothing and shoes\*\*
- ✗ Electrical items\*\*
- ✗ Nappies

This is not an extensive list, please see the website for more information [www.areyoubinsmart.co.uk](http://www.areyoubinsmart.co.uk)

\*\*Your local District/Borough Council may provide other facilities for recycling this item. This item is accepted at all Nottinghamshire Recycling Centres.



## Want to find out more about recycling?

This leaflet is a general overview of kerbside recycling. If you have specific queries relating to your collection or other recycling services, please use the contact details below:

### Veolia

Web: [www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire](http://www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire)

Email: [nottsenquiries@veolia.co.uk](mailto:nottsenquiries@veolia.co.uk)

Tel: 0203 567 4370

Twitter: @VeoliaUK

### Nottinghamshire County Council

Web: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/binsmart](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/binsmart)

Email: [enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@nottscc.gov.uk)

Tel: 0300 500 80 80

Twitter: @NottsCC

### emailme

With emailme you can receive regular updates about Nottinghamshire County Council services and events straight to your inbox. Select the 'Waste and Recycling' topic to receive our monthly bulletin.

Sign up at: [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/emailme](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/emailme)

### #pledge4plastics

Plastics can be confusing, find out more about plastic recycling at: [www.pledge4plastics.co.uk](http://www.pledge4plastics.co.uk)

### Materials Recovery Facility

To find out more about what happens at the MRF and to see the machinery in operation, visit: [www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire](http://www.veolia.co.uk/nottinghamshire)

If you or someone you know would like this information in a different format such as large print or Braille or in a different language, please contact us.

