

Recycling

Practical skills

What usually can and cannot be recycled, and the rule that ruins a batch.

Usually yes

- Paper and cardboard, clean and dry
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal tins and cans
- Plastic bottles
- Aluminium foil, clean and balled

Usually no

- Greasy pizza boxes
- Crisp packets and film
- Polystyrene
- Drinking glasses and ceramics
- Tissues and kitchen roll
- Nappies

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Wishcycling — putting something in hopefully — contaminates loads and sends good material to landfill.

Rules vary substantially by local authority. Check your own council's list; general advice is often wrong locally.