

How not to wishcycle

Commonly wishcycled items, why they can't go in recycling and what to do with them instead.

Wishcycling = putting something in the recycling that can't be recycled.

Wishcycling at work or home causes contamination, which leads to nearly a fifth of all recycling being wasted.

Share this with customers and colleagues in your business so they know what to avoid putting in the recycling bin.



Drinking glasses

WHY NOT

Will cause imperfections in new glass bottles

DO

Wrap broken glass and safely dispose of in general waste



Soft plastics & film

WHY NOT

Not widely recycled and needs specialist recycling

DO

Take to a supermarket or other collection points



Foil pouches & crisp packets

WHY NOT

Made of metallised plastic which is not recyclable

DO

Dispose of in general waste



Juice boxes & soup cartons

WHY NOT

Made of layered cardboard and plastic which is difficult to separate

DO

Dispose of in general waste or arrange specialist recycling



Plastic toys

WHY NOT

Comprised of hard and moulded plastics that need to be separated

DO

Donate to charity or dispose of in general waste



Wet cardboard

WHY NOT

Soggy boxes clog up the machinery during automated sorting of mixed recycling

DO

Add to compost or dispose of in general waste



Toothpaste tubes

WHY NOT

Contaminated with residue which affects the quality of recycled material

DO

Dispose of in general waste



Glass cookware

WHY NOT

Tempered to withstand high temperature and therefore not easily broken down

DO

Donate to charity



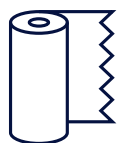
Dirty takeaway containers

WHY NOT

Food residue make them unrecyclable

DO

Dispose of in general waste



Tissues & paper towels

WHY NOT

Easily contaminated and can clog up machinery

DO

Dispose of in general waste



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