

# Do's & Don'ts

Here are a few tips about using Test Valley's household waste collection scheme, some ways you can make recycling easier and advice about how to cut down on household waste.

## Do...

- ✓ **Do** stop junk mail by contacting The Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 22, London W1E 7EX. Telephone 020 7291 3310 or visit [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)
- ✓ **Do** re-use carrier bags.
- ✓ **Do** check to see if household items can be repaired, before replacing them.
- ✓ **Do** recycle unwanted shoes, clothes, books and CDs. They can be taken to a number of recycling sites and many charity shops will also be happy to receive these items.
- ✓ **Do** use re-chargeable batteries where possible.
- ✓ **Do** compost fruit and vegetable peelings. Small amounts of paper can also be included.
- ✓ **Do** put only clean, dry recyclable materials into the brown recycling bin.
- ✓ **Do** avoid smells by double-wrapping such things as nappies and food waste, and putting paper in the bottom of the bin to absorb any liquid.
- ✓ **Do** make sure bin lids are closed at all times.
- ✓ **Do** call the Council on 01264 368000 if you are not sure whether something can be put into your black or brown bin.
- ✓ **Do** leave your bin at the edge of your property by 7am each week.

## Don't ...

- ✗ **Don't** leave any additional waste at the side of your bin. If you think you might need more bin space, please call the Council on 01264 368000.
- ✗ **Don't** leave your bin out longer than is necessary after it has been emptied.
- ✗ **Don't** put glass items in your brown recycling bin. Glass can be taken to more than 60 recycling sites around Test Valley.
- ✗ **Don't** put materials for your brown bin into bags. Bagged items are treated as household waste. If they are put in your recycling bin it could mean that a whole vehicle load of recyclable material must be sent to a landfill site or an incinerator.
- ✗ **Don't** put the following items out for kerbside collection:
  - Builder's or DIY waste
  - Car or motor parts
  - Bulky household items
  - Garden waste (unless you are a member of the Garden Waste Collection Scheme)Contact the Council for advice on how to dispose of these items.

## Storing recyclable items

A range of containers are available for storing recyclable items in the home, before they go into your brown recycling bin for collection. Here are some examples of websites where you can find more information:

[www.livingiseasy.co.uk](http://www.livingiseasy.co.uk)  
[www.homerecycling.co.uk](http://www.homerecycling.co.uk)  
[www.convertbin.com](http://www.convertbin.com)

# What goes where

Here's a quick guide to what to put in your black and brown bins. Any of the recyclable items can go into your brown bin - you don't need to sort or separate them (please put recyclable items loose into your brown bin, they should not be put into bags).

## What goes in the brown bin

### Tins and cans

Washed food tins, pet food tins, drink cans, shoe polish tins, syrup tins, all-metal cocoa tins, gift and chocolate tins.  
(Jam jar lids, beer bottle tops, metal screw caps: please secure these small items inside food tins).



### Paper and card

All clean and dry paper and card products: newspapers, magazines, letters, junk mail, envelopes, flattened packaging, cereal and other food packets, card tubes, cardboard boxes, greetings cards.



### Plastic bottles

**Drinks:** milk, juice, cordial, pop, beer.

**Cleaning products:** domestic cleaning fluids, fabric conditioner, bleach, spray dispensers.

**Toiletries:** shampoo, shower gel, soap pump dispensers.



**Note: please do not put your recyclable materials into bags.**

## What goes in the black bin

Just about everything else goes in the black bin including food scraps, household products listed below, and items such as disposable nappies.

There are a number of tin, paper and plastic products that can't be recycled at present. Please put the following items in your black household waste bin:

### Tins and cans

Aerosols (paint, cream, toiletries) and foil.



### Paper and card

Shredded paper, gift wrap, film wraps for magazines etc; Tetrapaks (cardboard containers with plastic closures used for juices, soups and some milk).



### Plastics

Meat, fish, vegetable and fruit trays or punnets; toys and utensils; plastic bags and cling film; flower pots; tubs, trays and pots (including yoghurt, margarine, ice cream, cream and soup).



You can also take these brown bin items to one of the Household Waste Recycling Centres in Test Valley.



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