

Acceptable and unacceptable materials list for the new Lewes district council recycling scheme

Acceptable Materials

We collect the following items

Mixed Papers

- Newspapers and magazines
- Catalogues
- Non-waxed cardboard
- Old corrugated containers
- Telephone directories, such as Yellow Pages
- Packaging card both from food and non-food packaging
- Envelopes
- Junk mail
- Office paper
- Wrapping paper (non-laminated and non-glitter)
- Greetings cards
- Books

Metal packaging

- Steel drinks cans
- Steel food cans
- Aluminium drinks cans
- Aluminium foil
- Empty steel and aluminium aerosols – excluding cans or sprays that contain paint, fertilizers or weed killer
- Jar lids
- Bottle caps

Plastic bottles and containers

Bottles marked with:

- HDPE – Coloured and clear bottles that have contained
 - Detergent
 - Fabric conditioners
 - Bleach and household cleaning fluid
 - Hair care
 - Bath and shower gels
- PET – Coloured, clear and blue tinted bottles that have contained fizzy drinks, mineral water and squashes
- PVC – Coloured and clear shampoo bottles

- PE – such as bath wash bottles
- PP (polypropylene)

Pots, tubs and trays

- Yoghurt pots
- Ice cream tubs
- Margarine containers
- Food trays

Glass

We can only accept packaging container glass, all colours, such as bottles and jars.

Unacceptable Materials

We are unable to collect the following items

- Wet paper
- Poly and wax lined items (such as milk cartons or Tetra Pak)
- Foil lined items (such as juice cartons)
- Plastic supermarket bags and sacks (excluding black sacks)
- Black plastic food containers (some fruit or vegetable packaging)
- Plastic laminates
- Plastic film – both rigid and not i.e. blister packs and sandwich packs, cling film
- Scrap metals
- Hard plastics (such as dustbins, recycling bins, milk and beer crates, children's toys including slides, ride on cars, games, plastic containers or any size)
- Textiles (such as clothes, shoes and bedding)
- Food waste
- Green garden waste
- Wood
- Rubber
- Tyres
- Black plastic sacks and their contents
- Sand and building materials
- Ceramics
- Pyrex
- Window glass
- PS (Polystyrene lightly) – coffee cups, insulation, ceiling tiles, packaging
- Sanitary waste – nappies, feminine hygiene waste, bathroom waste

The following items are classified as hazardous waste

- Clinical waste
- Toxic/Hazardous chemical bottles
- Waste electronics and electrical equipment
- Batteries

- Oil or pesticide containers
- Printer and toner cartridges