

# Why Recycle Right?

**Recycling right really does make a difference.**

It enables us to collect good clean recycling that can be turned into something new.

It can boost Hertfordshire's recycling rate. Householders in Hertfordshire already recycled almost half the waste they produced last year. With your help we can recycle even more.

**If you do one thing differently – leave carrier bags out of your recycling!**

(Except in Hertsmere)

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## Recycle Right

Plastic bags, film and wrapping must go in your household rubbish bin. If it scrunches, we can't recycle it.

## Not sure if it can be recycled?

If in doubt please leave it out of your recycling container or, even better – check our A-Z list online:

[www.wasteaware.org.uk](http://www.wasteaware.org.uk)



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## Your guide to recycling right at home

- ✓ Keep it right
- ✓ Keep it clean
- ✓ Keep it empty







## What can I recycle at home?

Recycle Right For Herts – Recycling the right items that are clean and empty means your recycling can be transformed into useful everyday items.



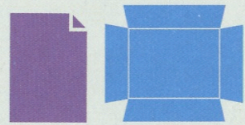
Glass bottles and jars



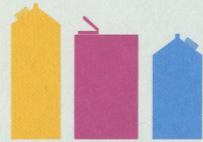
Tins, cans, foil and aerosols



Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays



Paper and cardboard



Cartons (TetraPak)  
(St. Albans DO NOT collect these)

### Keep it Clean & Empty

Please make sure your recycling is clean and empty. Pour out any liquid content and give it a quick rinse using your old dish water to remove food or drink residue. It doesn't need to be spotless!

### Why?

Only the container can be recycled, not any of the food or liquid left in it.

#### Food or liquid left behind:

- Can spoil paper and cardboard by making it wet and soggy
- Can stick to other recycling reducing its quality and value

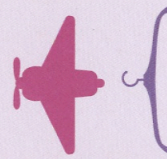
- Is unpleasant for our operatives to load and sort
- Makes your bin or box and our lorries smell bad

**So please...**  
**Keep it Clean,**  
**Keep it Empty.**

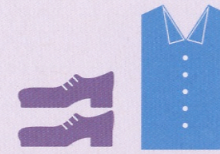


## What can't I recycle at home?

Some items can't be recycled at home or need to be treated by more specialised recycling equipment.



Hard plastics such as toys, hangers and garden furniture ★



Clothing, textiles and shoes  
(except for residents in North Herts) ★



Electrical items ★



Carrier bags  
(Hertsmere do collect these and some supermarkets also accept them)



Crisp packets and sweet wrappers 🗑️



Plastic film and wrapping  
(any plastic that can be crunched up) 🗑️



Used disposable nappies 🗑️

★ Can be recycled at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre (dump/tip) or at some neighbourhood recycling banks or charity shops. 🗑️ Please place these items in your household rubbish bin/box.

**Please DON'T**  
**put these**  
**items in your**  
**household**  
**recycling**  
**container.**

### Why?

Putting items that can't be recycled at home into your recycling container:

- Can spoil the recyclable items. Just think what a dirty nappy could do to clean recyclables!
- Can cause problems with machinery at the recycling centre

- Might mean they can't be recycled. Some items need specialist equipment which is only available if they are collected at a Household Waste Recycling Centre (dump/tip) or neighbourhood recycling bank
- Means it can't be reused – charity shops are a good option for suitable items in good condition