

This publication is based on the link below – Aberdeenshire Council’s What Goes Where page and in what bin.

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste/household-rubbish/a-z-list-of-materials/>

Recyclable waste (blue bin)

To recycle waste effectively, all items need to be empty and clean. Also food should be removed.

- Aerosol tins
- Air freshener aerosols
- Aluminium foil, such as tin foil
- Biscuit tins
- Black plastic trays
- Books – donate to charity if in good condition
- Plastic bottles washed, squashed and with lid on. For sustainable living, when washing bottles, you should fill them with water and use the water for plant and tree watering in gardens.
- Brochures (without plastic wrapping)
- Butter tubs
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Juice Cartons (Tetra pak)
- Cereal boxes (flattened)
- Cleaning bottle products
- Disposable coffee cups
- Coffee machine pods without granules
- Plastic cosmetic bottles
- Crisp tubes (Pringles, Snackrite and Stackers)
- Deodorant cans
- Detergent bottles
- Drink cans
- Egg boxes
- Envelopes including windows
- Food tins
- Food trays (not polystyrene)
- Furniture polish can
- Greeting cards without glitter
- Hairspray aerosols
- Hand wash bottles
- Jam jar lids (can stay on jars and be recycled at bottle banks)
- Junk mail (without plastic wrapping)
- Magazines (without plastic wrapping)
- Meat trays
- Milk bottles (plastic)
- Newspapers
- Paper
- Paperback books – donate to charity if in good condition
- Phone books
- Plant pots (plastic)
- Plastic cups (disposable)
- Plastic pots, trays and tubs
- Sandwich packets
- Plastic sauce bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Shredded paper (wrapped in newspaper or cereal boxes)
- Sweet tins
- Tablet bottles
- Tin foil
- Toilet roll tubes
- Video cases with paper insert removed
- Wrapping paper in scrunches and compressed
- Yoghurt pots

Non-recyclable waste (black bin)

- Animal waste such as dog poo and cat litter
- Ash from coal fires once cooled down
- Baby wipes
- Baking tray – can go in scrap metal at recycling centres or donated to charity
- Balloons
- Black bags
- Blister packs
- Bubble wrapping
- Carrier bags
- CDs and DVDs - better donate to charity
- Cling film
- Crisp bags
- Drinking glasses
- Face wipes
- Fibreglass
- Fireworks – soak in water before putting in bin
- Fish and chip boxes
- Food bags
- Glass panes
- Greeting cards with glitter
- Hardback books – better to donate to charity
- Jewellery – better to donate to charity
- Jiffy bags
- Knives – wrap thoroughly if disposed of in non-recyclable waste bin or in scrap metal container at recycling centres
- Laminated paper
- Light bulbs – filament
- Metallic wrapping paper
- Nappies – disposable
- Oil tins
- Padded envelopes
- Dried paint – for oil based paint mix the paint with sawdust or cat litter and leave to dry
- Painted paper
- Pans – can go in metal containers at recycling centres
- Pet food pouches
- Photos
- Pillows – better to donate to animal charity
- Pizza box – lid can go in plastic recycling bin
- Plastic bags – supermarkets can recycle them
- Plastic netting – complain to supermarkets to sell tangerines and oranges without netting to prevent strangulation of wildlife
- Plastic straws
- Plastic tubes
- Plastic wrapping or film
- Polystyrene
- Pyrex glass
- Ragwort
- Recyclable material contaminated in food. Food contaminated card can go in home compost.
- Sanitary products
- Sheet glass
- Soft plastic tubes such as toothpaste
- Straws
- Plastic sweet packets
- Tablet blister packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste tubes
- Toys – better to donate to charity such as Banardos
- Video tapes – better to donate to charity
- Wallpaper
- Weeds
- Wet wipes
- Wool – give scraps of wool to Westhill library so old folk can knit for Africa
- Springy wrapping paper with plastic content

Battery recycling bag

- Batteries
- Rechargeable batteries

Bottle banks

- Cosmetic bottles (glass)
- Glass bottles and jars, not drinking glasses
- Glass sauce bottles

Food waste caddy

- Coffee grounds
- Cooked food
- Egg shells
- Food waste
- Fruit peelings – remove stickers
- Small dead flowers and plants – ideally you should compost them
- Fish bones
- Meat bones
- Out of date food
- Small amounts of kitchen paper towels
- Paper napkins
- Pet food
- Rice, pasta and pizza
- Rotten food
- Tea bags with string removed
- Tissues
- Uncooked food
- Vegetable peelings

Waste that is not accepted

- Asbestos
- Cartridges and ink cartridges – can be returned to manufacturers
- Clinical waste, needles and syringers – give to the NHS
- Tablets and medicines – return to pharmacies
- Duvets
- Flares – contact the coastguard
- Hazardous chemicals – contact waste management organisations to arrange disposal
- Inhalers – give to local pharmacies
- Japanese knotweed – contact a specialist waste management contractor for this plant disposal
- Lead acid batteries – give to local garages
- Pesticides
- Spectacles – donate to opticians for Vision Aid Overseas
- Toner
- Tyres
- Water filters – return to manufacturer

Recycling centres

- Bricks and stones (rubble skip)
- Hardcore (rubble skip)
- Rubble and turf (rubble skip)
- Ceramic plant pots (rubble skip)
- Wooden flooring (wood skip)
- Buckets (Peterhead & Ellon only)
- Car batteries
- Carpets (waste skip or charity)
- Clothes (Salvation Army banks)
- Computers (Community Food Initiatives North East refurbishes old IT equipment)
- Cooking oil
- Drainage pipes (Peterhead & Ellon)
- Earth and rubble - remove wood, metal, wires and glass and place in a rubble or soil skip
- Energy saving light bulbs - put in a fluorescent tube container
- Fluorescent tubes - lamp recycling container
- Fridges and freezers
- Furniture
- Garden waste - remove plastic sacks, stones, plant pots and fencing material
- Gas cylinders, helium gas bottles and cylinders - gas cylinder cage at recycling centres
- Laundry basket (rigid plastic container at Ellon and Peterhead - general waste skip at other sites)
- Leaves - green waste skip or compost at home
- Metals, including scrap metal
- Mobile phones with data removed
- Plasterboard - clean and free of tiles and dirt
- Polystyrene expanded (EPS) - Stonehaven, Portlethen and Banchory recycling centres - shape moulded packaging only used for electronics, block and planks of filled material
- Pressurised containers - gas bottles such as LPG and camping gas, fire extinguishers and similar potentially dangerous containers
- Rags - glass and textile recycling points
- Shoes tied together
- Small electrical appliances
- Smoke alarms
- Soil
- Textiles
- Underlay
- Vegetable oil
- Vinyl flooring
- Window panes
- Wood with nail and screws removed