

South Cambs recycles plastic!



Most people in South Cambridgeshire recycle plastic packaging. In South Cambridgeshire our plastic is mostly sent to UK reprocessors to be made into new products.

The recent Blue Planet II TV documentary showing plastics ending up in the ocean, and regular news coverage of recycling issues, demonstrate that environmental awareness about waste continues to be at an all-time high.

These pages show some common types of plastics, and where you should put them to ensure they're dealt with properly after you've finished with them. The timing for you to make a difference is perfect, with Recycle Week taking place across the country from 24 to 30 September.

Recycle the following items in your blue bin:



Plastic Bottles: Empty, rinse and squash, put trigger spray or lid back on and remove hand soap pumps which need to be put in the black bin.

Meat trays: Take out absorbent layer which needs to go in the black bin. Remove film lid and recycle.



Tubs, pots and punnets: Wash, put lids back on.



Cleaning product and hand wash bottles: Empty, rinse and squash, put trigger spray back on. Pump dispensers from hand wash bottles need to go in the black bin.

Carrier bags, multipack film, bubble wrap and food bags:

Empty, put food in food waste caddy to be turned into compost, re-use carrier bags.



It's important to:

- ✓ Squash, as it will give you more space in your bin and helps us use space in our recycling trucks more efficiently, reducing the number of times we must empty them. Squashing bottles also stops pressurised bottles from exploding when they are crushed into bales after sorting.
- ✓ Empty packaging so there's no food or liquid left in recyclables. Leftover food and drink makes it more difficult and expensive to recycle, and can spoil other materials in your bin too.
- ✓ Place recycling in the blue bin loose, not in bags.

These plastic items are not currently recyclable and need to be placed in the black bin. Putting these items in your blue bin increases the cost of sorting your recycling.



Polystyrene/take-away containers:
Currently not recycled



Black bags: Use only for black bin rubbish. If you carry recycling to your bin in black bags please empty the contents and re-use the bag.



Drink, food and pet food pouches: These are made from layers of plastic and aluminium.



Crisp packets: These are made from layers of plastic and aluminium.

Biodegradable or compostable "plastic" plates, cups and cutlery: These new types of plastic items break down over a longer timeframe than our composting system allows, and also can't be recycled with regular plastics.

Black plastic trays: These cannot be identified by the infra-red scanners used for sorting.



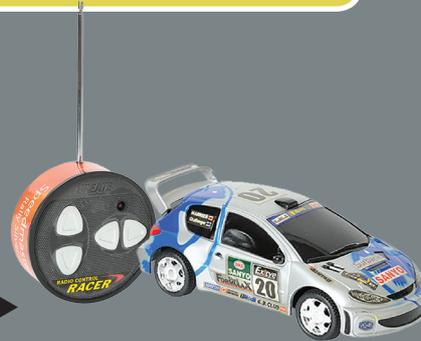
Other plastic items:

Take these items to the Household Recycling Centres near Milton or Thriplow. Don't put them in blue bins as they're not suitable for our recycling processes.



Hard plastic items like buckets, washing-up bowls, storage boxes. please remove metal parts.

Electrical items and toys. Recycle with electrical items.



Garden chairs, benches and tables.

For information about other plastic items that are easily replaceable with more environmentally-friendly options go to page 21 and see how to waste less.

Household Recycling Centres: Winter opening hours

Household Recycling Centres near Milton and Thriplow will change to winter opening hours from 1 October to 31 March. Milton will be open from 9am to 4pm and Thriplow from 8am to 4pm. Sites are open seven days a week and only closed from 1pm on Christmas Eve, and closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. For more information, see www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk