

# Your kerbside recycling service

from Copeland Borough Council



You can recycle five different materials at the kerbside - metal, plastic, glass, paper and card.

We have provided you with three boxes and one bag for you to sort your recycling into.

Your recycling is collected at the kerbside, or your collection point, fortnightly.



# What can you recycle?

## Metal and Plastic

### Metal

#### Yes please:

- o Drinks cans
- o Food tins (place lids inside tin)
- o Biscuit/chocolate tins (including lids)
- o Aerosols, must be empty (remove plastic cap and recycle with plastics)
- o Aluminium foil (scrunch foil together to form a ball)
- o Aluminium foil trays (eg takeaway trays)
- o Aluminium tubes (eg tomato puree, remove plastic caps)
- o Bottle tops and caps

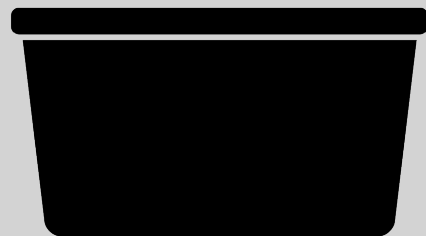
#### No thanks:

- o Laminated foil (eg cat food/coffee pouches that spring back when you scrunch them)
- o Crisp packets and sweet wrappers
- o Anything containing residue or liquid

### Plastic

#### Yes please:

- o Pots (eg yoghurt, soup)
- o Tubs (eg butter, ice cream)
- o Trays/punnets (eg fruit and veg trays), please remove film lids and absorbent pads
- o Bottles
- o Day-to-day cleaning products (eg bathroom cleaners, washing up liquid, bleach), remove pumps and triggers
- o Cosmetic bottles (eg shampoo, shower gel)
- o Ready-to-use plant food and pesticide bottles (check the labels)
- o Drinks bottles (eg juice, squash, milk)



### Plastic

#### No thanks:

- o Black plastic
- o Film lids
- o Laminated pouches (eg baby or cat food)
- o Plastic toys
- o Medicine packs
- o Toothpaste tubes
- o Plastic bottles containing strong chemicals (eg anti-freeze)
- o Carrier bags
- o Cling film and bubble wrap
- o Plant pots and seed trays
- o Plastic cups and polystyrene
- o Lids and straws from takeaway cups
- o Anything with residue or liquid inside

## Glass

#### Yes please:

- o All glass packaging from around the home including:
- o Bottles of any colour, remove tops (eg wine, beer, spirits)
- o Jars, remove tops (eg sauces, jam, baby food)
- o Non-food bottles (eg perfume, aftershave, face creams, remove tops)

#### No thanks:

- o Glass cookware (eg Pyrex)
- o Drinking glasses
- o Vases
- o Nail varnish bottles
- o Microwave plates
- o Mirrors
- o Light bulbs/tubes
- o Window glass



"I'd like to congratulate our residents and crews on the success of the enhanced recycling service. During its first year we emptied a staggering 1.5 million recycling containers, and a grand total of 3,354 tonnes were collected. This compares to 1,589 tonnes over the previous year - a 53 per cent increase. We were asking people to embrace something new and our residents have stepped up to the challenge. Hopefully together we will continue to increase our recycling levels and grow our reputation as an environmentally responsible borough."

Mike Starkie, Mayor of Copeland



## Paper

#### Yes please:

- o Newspapers, magazines and brochures
- o General paper (eg letters)
- o Telephone directories
- o Leaflets and flyers
- o Envelopes (please remove plastic windows)
- o Shredded paper (must be bagged)
- o Paperback books

#### No thanks:

- o Paper that is stained/dirty with food, grease, paint or dirt
- o Used paper towels
- o Tissues
- o Wet wipes/ cotton wool/ makeup pads
- o Sticky paper (eg post-it notes, sticky labels)
- o Foil based gift wrap or bags
- o Wallpaper
- o Brown paper (this should be recycled with card)



## Card

#### Yes please:

- o All card from around the home including;
- o Cardboard boxes
- o Corrugated cardboard
- o Delivery boxes and cardboard envelopes (please remove all plastic, polystyrene and tape)
- o Greetings cards without glitter (tear off glitter section)
- o Egg boxes
- o Brown paper

#### No thanks:

- o Card that is stained/dirty with food, grease, paint or dirt
- o Waxed or waterproof food and drink cartons (eg Tetrapak)
- o Takeaway cups, even compostable ones



# FAQs

## **What if I have more recycling than will fit into my boxes/bag?**

You can use additional containers to put out extra, as long as it's sorted and secured.

**Do I have to squash bottles and cans?** Yes, please. It means you fit more in your boxes and we fit more into the vehicles, reducing journeys.

**Are there lids for the boxes?** Rigid lids and soft elasticated 'caps' are available free from our offices. The rigid lids can be used for storage but on collection day, please only use the soft lids.

**How clean do things have to be?** A rinse is usually fine but please make sure all food is gone and liquids emptied out. This includes toiletries bottles – make sure they're completely empty.

**Are you removing recycling centres?** The kerbside scheme means far fewer people are using these sites. Most will eventually close and some already have, but some sites will always remain to serve those people not on a collection route.

**Do you offer assisted collections for recycling?** Yes, please contact us to arrange this.

**Do I leave tops on my bottles and jars?** Please remove metal tops from glass jars and bottles and place with plastic and metals. Plastic tops can be left on.

For more information on our kerbside recycling service please visit **[www.copeland.gov.uk](http://www.copeland.gov.uk)**.

You can also get in touch with our customer service team by email at **[info@copeland.gov.uk](mailto:info@copeland.gov.uk)** or by phone on **01946 598 300**.

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