

PLASTIC

What can I put in my 'plastic' recycling box?

- Pots (eg yoghurt, soup, etc)
- Tubs (eg butter, ice cream, etc)
- Trays/punnets (eg fruit and veg trays, meat trays) Please remove any film lids and absorbent pads
- Bottles, including
 - Day-to-day cleaning products (eg bathroom cleaners, washing up liquid, bleach) Remove any pumps and triggers
 - Toiletries bottles (eg shampoo, shower gel)
 - Ready-to-use plant food and pesticide bottles (check the labels just to check they are safe to add to your recycling)
 - Drinks bottles (eg juice, squash, milk)

Nothing should have food sticking to it – please give it a rinse first

What shouldn't go in?

- Black plastic (the plastic gets sorted by a method using light – the black plastic is not recognised by the light.)
- Film lids (eg from punnets and ready meals)
- Laminated pouches (eg baby or cat food, coffee pouches and drinks pouches)
- Plastic toys (The chemical structure of harder plastics makes them virtually impossible to recycle They burn rather than melt and give off gases).
- Medicine packs
- Toothpaste tubes
- Plastic bottles containing strong chemicals (eg anti-freeze) These could be dangerous to staff handling them.
- Carrier bags
- Crisp packets (these are made of a metallised plastic film, which is not currently recyclable.)

- **Expanded polystyrene.** (it is difficult to sort from other types of plastic waste and easily breaks up into small beads, which can clog up sorting machines.)
- bubble wrap
- The orange nets from fruit (these tangle up the other materials and make them very difficult to sort.)