

PAPER

What goes in my 'paper' recycling container?

Paper is one of the most valuable recyclable materials, but only if it is clean.

- Newspapers and supplements (please remove any plastic wrappers and free gifts)
- Magazines, brochures and catalogues
- General paper (eg letters, printer paper)
- Telephone directories
- Leaflets and flyers
- Envelopes (please remove plastic windows)
- Shredded paper (this must be bagged as it can cause a real litter problem if it is not secure.)

What shouldn't go in?

- Paper that is stained/dirty with food, grease, paint or dirt (This is very difficult to remove in the recycling process.)
- Used paper towels and tissues (It's too difficult for the recycling process to draw out dirt from these items. Also, some tissues have already been made from recycled materials, and have been processed as many times as possible, making the fibres too short for further recycling.)
- Wet wipes/cotton wool/makeup pads/sanitary products/nappies
- Sticky paper (eg post-it notes, sticky labels)
- Foil-based gift wrap or bags (the plastic and metallised elements cannot be easily separated from the paper.)
- Wallpaper
- Brown paper (this should be recycled with card. Brown fibres can show up in the finished paper, making it unsaleable.)