

Blue-Top Bin Recycling Quiz Answers

It can be confusing as to what we can put into our Horsham District Council blue-topped recycling bin as it may differ from other counties. The following information is taken from www.recycleforwestsussex.org Read the following and see if you do it correctly, and print out a copy to educate your family.

- PAPER AND CARDBOARD** We know we can recycle any clean paper and cardboard, but can we put shredded paper, kitchen roll and tissues in our recycling bin?

NO THANKS - shredded paper (smaller than matchbox size), paper towels, kitchen roll and tissues can't be recycled because it can contaminate other recycling. Shredded paper can be used in compost, pet or animal bedding or take to a Household Waste Recycling Centre.

NO THANKS – we can't take jiffy bags, Sellotape on wrapping paper and cardboard, metallic wrapping paper, plastic wrappers round junk mail, baby, facial or hand wipes.

YES PLEASE - to newspapers, magazines, food packaging sleeves, envelopes (including with windows), junk mail, greeting cards (with bows, ribbons etc and excess glitter removed), wrapping paper, telephone directories, catalogues, egg boxes, cereal boxes, paperback books, paper with staples, empty paper cups and coffee cups, cardboard containers with metal bases, pizza boxes and cardboard food containers as long as they are not greasy or have food leftovers. **Pringles containers can be recycled under the Terracycle scheme in the Post House Café Bin.Bin.**
- ALUMINIUM AND TIN** These are valuable and finite metals, and most households recycle clean food & drinks cans and their lids, but can we recycle metal biscuit and sweet tins, aerosols, clean foil, metal trays and lids?

YES PLEASE - All of these can be recycled if they are clean. All food, drinks and pet food cans and metal lids and bottle tops can be recycled, but please rinse them out as they can contaminate other recycling such as paper. Aerosols must be empty, but don't pierce them for your own safety. If aluminium foil or metal trays are used in cooking, put them in hot water from the oven, which makes them much easier to clean. Loosely roll foil into a ball the size of cricket ball makes it easier process.

NO THANKS – we can't take paints, chemicals or engine oil cans, gas canisters, saucepans, baking trays, utensils, CD racks, garden tools or electrical items – take all these to a Household Waste Recycling centre.

Household batteries – can be taken to any shop that sells them to recycle - Budgens, One Stop or Hamfelds.
- MEDICINE BLISTER PACKS AND INHALERS** Can we put medicines blister packs in the blue-topped recycling bin?

YES PLEASE - these can now be recycled in a blue topped bin.

Inhalers contain propellants which are greenhouse gases and need to be destroyed. Please do not put them in your household waste, but take them to Lloyds Pharmacy in Henfield, or any other pharmacy.
- FOOD AND DRINK CARTONS (TETRA PAKS)** Can we put these in the blue-topped bin?

YES, if clean, eg fruit juice, milk, soup, smoothie, chopped tomatoes or other cardboard cartons. Please remove the plastic top and place in your rubbish bin, plastic spouts are difficult to remove and so these can be left on the carton. Cartons are reprocessed with paper and card and made into packaging and plasterboard liner.

NO THANKS to pouches

5. GLASS JARS AND BOTTLES - We know we can recycle these, but can we put drinking glasses, Pyrex products and crockery in the blue-topped bin?
NO THANKS - Items such as drinking glasses, Pyrex, milk bottles, mirrors or window glass, vases, paperweights and candle jars have different chemical properties and can't be recycled with glass bottles and jars.
NO THANKS - ceramics and crockery can't be recycled.
YES PLEASE - to all coffee, jam and sauce jars and wine, beer, sauce and perfume bottles, but please take the lids off and empty and clean as much as possible before putting them in the bin.
6. CONTAINERS AND LIDS - We must not leave lids on plastic or glass bottles, but can you put plastic lids smaller than a coffee/jam jar in your recycling bin?
NO THANKS - because they jam up the sorting machines. Cornerweights in Henfield though are collecting plastic milk bottle tops in Henfield and take them to the Springboard project in Horsham which helps disabled people. Do take all other plastic bottle tops to Henfield Tea Gardens/Jam Pot where they are sent off to be made into other plastic products including shelters and furniture.
7. PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS - Can we put plastic bottles, cups, tubs and pots in the blue topped bin, eg yogurt and cream pots, margarine, ice cream, cosmetic and laundry tubs?
YES PLEASE – we want all plastic bottles and containers but they must be clean, eg milk and drink bottles, bathroom, laundry or detergent bottles and tubs, yogurt, cream and soup pots, ice cream and margarine tubs, cosmetic pots and tubs, food and ready meal trays, fruit and vegetable punnets.
NO THANKS – we can't take plastic film, plastic bags/sacks, salad bags, cereal bags, bubble wrap, plastic toys, buckets, plant pots and seed trays, plastic furniture, coat hangers or coffee pods. Trigger sprays where they can be removed, pumps from soap containers, air fresheners, can be recycled in the Henfield Terracycle recycling scheme in Hamfelds. Roll-on deodorants and cosmetic pots and tubs and makeup can be recycled at Natasha's.
8. PLASTIC TRAYS - Many products come in plastic trays, but can all colours be recycled, eg black trays, and thin plastic ones, eg biscuit tin dividers?
YES PLEASE - all different colours of plastic trays can be recycled. Also, the thin plastic dividers.
NO THANKS - polystyrene trays and packaging cannot be recycled
9. SOFT PLASTIC - Can we put clean pet and baby food pouches, crisp packets, biscuit, cake and confectionary wrappers in the blue topped bin?
NO, These items have a layer of plastic on them and are not true aluminium foil. If you are unsure if something is true aluminium – try the scrunch test. Scrunch up the item in your hand, if it springs back it contains plastic and can't be recycled. If it stays crunched up it is true aluminium foil and can go in your recycling bin.
YES PLEASE These items can all be recycled in the Henfield Terracycle scheme, if clean. The companies making these items sponsor their reprocessing into other plastic products and give us money for Henfield Haven. Do look at full information under SH2030 Guide for Terracycle recycling in Henfield.
10. What are the 3 principles of how items should be put in a blue-topped bin?
CLEAN - free from food and drink leftovers
DRY - no liquids, and keep your bin lid closed
LOOSE – no items in plastic bags