

Some helpful information on recycling in Portsmouth

It is sometimes difficult to know what can or can't be put into our green bins. All material from the green bin collection is sorted by hand at the Veolia waste recovery unit at Hilsea so it is important that we are aware of what is acceptable and what isn't.

And did you know that enough electricity to power 20,600 homes in Portsmouth is produced by incinerating our black bin rubbish with no harmful emissions?

What should go into your green bin:

- ❖ All drinks cans, both steel and aluminium
- ❖ Aerosol cans (but not those with 'hazardous' markings like a black and orange cross or skull & crossbones symbol). Make sure they are completely empty and remove the lids.
- ❖ All plastic bottles (but take the lids off first)
- ❖ All clean paper including newspapers, magazines, envelopes, junk mail, scrap paper, directories including Yellow Pages, brochures and catalogues (but no shredded paper).
- ❖ All food tins including pet food - rinsed out.
- ❖ All cardboard including cereal boxes and food packaging (flatten or break up large boxes).
- ❖ Unwanted small electrical items, e.g. hair dryers, razors or anything else that will fit into a standard plastic carrier bag, should be placed in a bag and left on top of your green bin on collection day.

What should not go into your green bin:

- ❖ Drinks cartons - Tetra Pak cartons are difficult to recycle as they are a mix of plastic and paper.
- ❖ Polystyrene and cellophane
- ❖ Plastic packaging such as yogurt pots, margarine tubs and plastic food trays.
- ❖ Shredded paper
- ❖ Plastic carrier bags
- ❖ Aerosol cans with 'hazardous' markings as above.
- ❖ Used batteries can be placed in a small bag and left on top of your black bin.

More information on recycling as well as what should go into your black bin can be found on the Veolia website.



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