

Your guide to **waste and recycling** in Epsom & Ewell



Use this guide to see
**What
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This guide explains how your local waste and recycling services work and what materials can be recycled. The right thing in the right bin helps us get more recycled, and at the best value to you.

Green recycling bin Collected every week

Yes please



Paper and envelopes



Card



Metal tubes



Aerosol cans



Food and drinks cans



Foil food trays



Foil crumpled into a ball



Plastic bottles



Plastic pots and tubs



Plastic squeeze tubes



Food and drinks cartons



Non-black plant pots

No thanks



Food and garden waste



Greasy pizza boxes



Carrier and bin bags



Plastic bags & food pouches



Plastic film and film lids



Coffee cups



Clothing and textiles



Nappies

Remember

- Leave lids on bottles.
- Put your recycling in the bin loose.

- Only put items from the yes list in your recycling bin. Other items may cause the whole lorry load to be rejected.

Garden waste Collected fortnightly and can be recycled at community recycling centres

Yes please



Grass cuttings



Prunings



Fallen leaves



Cut flowers

No thanks



Soil and stones

Subscribe to our garden waste service epsom-ewell.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Garden waste can also be composted at home – order a discounted compost bin online at recycleforsurrey.org.uk

Food waste bin Collected every week

Yes please



All food



Meat



Eggshells



Teabags



Peelings

No thanks



Liquids

Remember You can use any bag except black bags to line your caddy, including carrier bags, vegetable bags or pedal bin liners.

Kerbside box Collected every week

Yes please



Glass bottles and jars of any colour

No thanks

X Anything else
This box is just for glass bottles and jars

What is contamination?

Contamination is when non-recyclable items are mixed with recyclable ones, or when the right materials are put in the wrong condition (for example, food-covered packaging). This means that even if an item is recyclable, if it is dirty, greasy, or contaminated with food residue, it can cause problems during the recycling process. Contaminated materials can spoil entire batches of recycling, making them unusable and leading to more waste being sent to incineration.



What happens next if my recycling is contaminated?

If we cannot empty your bin, we'll label it to explain what's happened. Please remove the non-recyclable items so we can collect again the following week.

Please respect our collection crews.

Our team work hard all year round to keep the borough clean and tidy. We've asked them not to collect bins with black bags, carrier bags and non-recyclable items. It costs money and is bad for the environment.

If you think our crew has made a mistake, please report it via our website:

[epsom-ewell.gov.uk/contactus](https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/contactus).

Unsure about a particular item?

For advice on how to dispose of a whole range of things, check out the Surrey Recycles App.



Find out more

www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/recycling

