

What to do with your recycling

During the trial

Please place all items from your eco-bin in the special plastic bag provided for these trials. This is so that we can easily transport items to the sorting centre for weighing to see how much you have managed to recycle. Please note that individual households will only be identified in order to let you know what your recycling has achieved.

After these trials

Please carry on using the box, bin, or bag provided by your local council for recycling those items that they collect from your home. For anything that can't be collected from home please use your local recycling banks, Household Waste Recycling Centre and charity shops or the FREEPOST envelopes provided. For further advice contact your local council's recycling officer.

Further information

Your eco-bin has been supplied by Waste4Recycling. For more information on these trials and the eco-bin please see www.eco-bin.com

For further information on waste reduction, reuse, recycling and buying recycled visit www.recyclenow.com

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Your eco-bin guide to recycling

Simply the smartest way to recycle at home



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Welcome to your new eco-bin

Thank you for taking part in this exciting trial of a new and innovative recycling container – the eco-bin.

The eco-bin has been designed to help you easily separate your recycling in the kitchen. There are special compartments for every type of material from paper and glass to tin cans and batteries.

Everyone who takes part in this trial can keep the eco-bin free of charge and there will be other incentives on offer as well.

This guide explains everything you need to know about the eco-bin and how you can use it to make recycling tidier, more convenient and more fun.

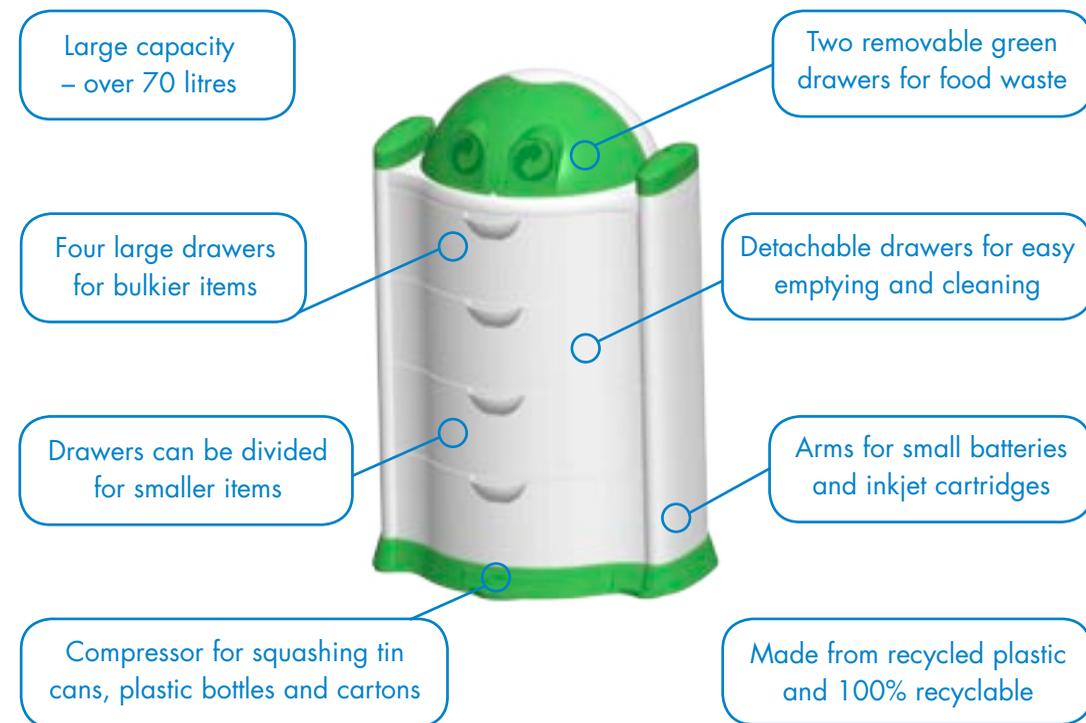


In just one year UK households fill enough dustbins to stretch halfway to the moon

Using your eco-bin is as easy as 1,2,3...

1. Label the compartments on your eco-bin using the stickers provided (see pages 4 & 5).
2. Put your eco-bin in a convenient place in your kitchen, ideally replacing your normal rubbish bin.
3. Use your eco-bin to store different materials for recycling (see pages 6 & 7).

Special features of the eco-bin*



*Design registered, patent pending

Using your eco-bin

This section of the guide explains where to put materials in your eco-bin for recycling, with examples of where to place the labels.



What to recycle

This section tells you what you need to know about the materials you collect in each drawer of your eco-bin, and why we need to recycle materials in different ways.



Kitchen waste	Includes vegetable peelings, tea bags, banana skins and egg shells. This material can be easily composted at home or collected for community composting schemes. Organic waste, including kitchen peelings, accounts for a third of all household rubbish.
Cooked waste	Includes cooked food, dairy products, meat and fish. Place cooked waste in the biodegradable bags provided. Cooked waste should be composted in a wormery or sealed composter to prevent odours and vermin. Some councils collect cooked waste to produce heat, power and fertiliser.
Newspapers and magazines	Newspapers and magazines should be separated from directories or cartons so that the different materials can be recycled. On average every person in the UK gets through 38kg of newspapers a year – that’s a lot of news!
Mixed glass	All glass bottles and jars can be recycled, but not panes of glass, light bulbs, or oven-proof glass. Remember to wash bottles and jars, and remove lids and caps. Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to power a television for 20 minutes.
Plastics	Includes drinks, shampoo and detergent bottles. Use the compressor to crush plastic bottles after removing their tops. There are different types of plastic and each one is reprocessed in a different way. Supermarkets often accept plastic carrier bags for recycling. Old CDs and DVDs can also be stored in the eco-bin.
Food and drink cans, aerosols and foil	Drinks cans, foil and some aerosols are made from aluminium. Food cans and some other aerosols are made from steel. Both metals are valuable and can be recycled into many different products. Rinse all cans and foil before recycling. Use the compressor to crush cans but remove both ends of steel cans first. Please do not crush aerosols.
Electrical goods	Use the eco-bin to store very small items. Electrical goods with circuit boards or computer chips contain valuable metals which could be recycled. Working electrical goods can be sold second hand or donated to charity shops.

Mobile phones	Old mobile phones can be reconditioned and sent to people in developing countries, or the components inside can be recycled. Use the FREEPOST envelope provided to send your old mobile for recycling.
Books, paper, cardboard and phone directories	Paper includes letters, junk-mail and envelopes. Good quality books can be donated to your local charity shop for resale. Directories are usually recycled separately because of the colour and grade of the paper. Cardboard packaging can be squashed using the compressor.
Mixed textiles and clothes	Clothes and textiles should be washed before they are recycled and shoes should be tied together in pairs so they don’t get separated. Good quality clothes and shoes will be gratefully accepted by local charity shops. Store them in the miscellaneous drawer of your eco-bin.
Spectacles	Old glasses and spectacles can be sent to help people living in developing countries. A number of high street stores including Vision Express, Dollond & Aitchison and Help The Aged offer collection points for unwanted spectacles. Store them in your eco-bin with textiles.
Batteries	Store small batteries in one arm of the eco-bin. Ordinary domestic batteries may contain toxic substances and should be disposed of carefully. Some Household Waste Recycling Centres will take household batteries.
Cartons	Tetra Paks can be squashed and stored in the eco-bin as some councils send these away for specialist recycling.
Printer cartridges	Store ink-jet cartridges in the second arm of the eco-bin. Many ink-jet cartridges can be refilled instead of buying new ones. Larger laser jet cartridges can be stored with miscellaneous items in the bottom drawer.
Other items	There are other items that can be recycled but should not be placed in the eco-bin. Items such as car batteries, tyres, engine oil, scrap metal, paint, TVs, monitors, wood, fluorescent tubes, garden waste, fridges and freezers can usually be taken to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre. Contact your local council for details.