Recycling symbols

Some recycling symbols can be confusing at times, so here's a guide to help.

On pack recycling labels



This label is applied to packaging collected by 75 percent or more of UK local authorities and then sorted, processed and recycled into new packaging.



This label means you need to rinse the packaging before recycling. You will see this logo on items such as yoghurt pots and soup tines. Rinsing these items makes sure that food or any residue doesn't contaminate other materials.



If you see this label, please put the lid back on the bottle or packaging to help it to be recycled.



This label will appear on plastic wrapping such as bread bags, crisp packets and chocolate wrappers. You can recycle this type of packaging at recycling points in selected supermarkets.



Some packaging components need separating before you dispose of them. You will see these labels on items with a sleeve, film or a liner. For these items, the sleeve needs to be removed and placed in the rubbish bin, the bottle then needs to be recycled.



This label is applied to packaging collected by less than 50 percent of UK local authorities and is not able to be recycled.



This symbol asks that you recycle the glass container. Use your glass household recycling collection if you have one. If you don't have your own, please dispose of glass bottles and jars in a bottle bank.

Remember to separate coloured glass: https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item/glass-bottles-jars



Forest Stewardship Council UK shows us wood based products including cardboard, paper and wood.

Read more about how to recycle each below:

Cardboard Paper

Wood



This symbol tells us that the item is made from recyclable aluminium.

Find out more about how to recycle:

Aerosols Aluminium foil

If you're ever unsure of how to recycle an item, there's a really useful guide you can use here: https://www.recyclenow.com/recycle-an-item