

A quick guide to recycling in Harlow

Recycling is worthwhile – your waste is a valuable resource material and recycling it is beneficial to the environment. The following shows what can and cannot be recycled:

Blue recycling bins / boxes		No thanks X	
	newspapers & magazines		Food This is recycled separately.
	cardboard*		Plastics Any plastics not marked with the or symbol. Put in non-recycling.
	telephone directories		Packaging Packaging that cannot be recycled (e.g. polystyrene). Please put in non-recycling.
	Books		Clothing There are a number of textile banks around the town where clothes and textiles can be recycled - see our website.
	mixed paper		Nappies and other sanitary waste We provide separate services for these or put in your non-recycling.
	mixed glass bottles & jars		Black and purple bags Please do not place these in your recycling.
	plastics		Ceramics or crockery Reuse or donate to charity, if broken, wrap and put in your non-recycling.
	aerosols		Wallpaper Please put in your non-recycling.
	foil		Garden waste We provide a separate bookable service - see our website.
	food tins & * drink cans		

Blue recycling bins / boxes

Yes please ✓

	newspapers & magazines	Including: ✓ Catalogues ✓ Brochures ✓ Egg boxes * flatten all cardboard and remove any polystyrene
	cardboard*	
	telephone directories	
	Books	✓ Greetings cards ✓ Leaflets ✓ Shredded paper ✓ Envelopes * no plastic wrappers
	mixed paper	
	mixed glass bottles & jars	✓ Washed glass bottles and jars
	plastics	✓ Any plastic items showing: or
	aerosols	✓ Food tins ✓ Drink cans ✓ Sweet / biscuit tins ✓ Tin lids ✓ Clean foil ✓ Empty aerosol cans * make sure that tins and cans are rinsed clean.
	foil	
	food tins & * drink cans	

Green food waste bins / caddies

Yes please ✓

	fruit & vegetables		meat & bones		bread & pastries
	dairy		fish		tea & coffee grounds

Should you choose to use compostable liners, please ensure these are marked with the seedling logo (left), which are available from most supermarkets, or wrap food scraps in newspaper.



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	Plastic, black and purple bags Please do not place these in your food waste, even if they are biodegradable.
	Pet food Recycle cans and tins. Place remaining pet food in non-recycling.
	Garden waste We provide a separate bookable service - see our website.
	Cans, tins, bottles, jars, cooking oil Recycle cans, tins, bottles and jars. Take cooking oil to the Recycling Centre for Household Waste.

Extra recycling can be placed in unlined sacks that are not black or purple. Please ensure all packaging is clean and empty.

www.harlow.gov.uk/recycling

You can check your collection dates at www.harlow.gov.uk