

Take a look at what happens once your containers are emptied



Your mixed recycling is **collected** and taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where items are **separated** and sent for **reprocessing** into new products.

Food tins and drink cans

Aluminium and steel cans are separated at the MRF. The aluminium cans are recycled into new products such as new cans and ready meal packaging and the steel cans are recycled into steel for cars and building materials.



Glass bottles and jars

Glass is melted and used to make new bottles and jars.



Plastic packaging

Plastic bottles can be recycled back into new plastic bottles or fleeces, plastic chairs and tables.



Paper and card

Paper and card is taken to paper mills where it is recycled into cardboard, newspapers, books and office paper.



Garden waste

Garden waste is taken to our composting facility where we turn the waste into compost, which is used on local farm land.



General waste

We send anything that can't be recycled to an Energy Recovery Facility where it is used to generate electricity.



Last year, you helped us to recycle more than 54% of waste in Shropshire. That's more than 80,000 tonnes, but we can still do more. Only throw away things that you can't reuse, recycle or compost.

1 REDUCE

by using less of something

Buying smaller items or portions means you'll waste less. And remember to buy things that use less packaging too.



2 REUSE

items again and again

Think of ways you could reuse something, like shredding paper for your hamster rather than buying bedding or saving glass jars for storage.



3 RECYCLE

by turning old items into new things

Upcycling old furniture or clothes can give them a new lease of life. You'll have fun doing it and you'll save precious materials in the process.



RECOVER

If it can't be recycled, we can turn it into energy

We take 65,000 tonnes of your rubbish every year and turn it into enough electricity to power 10,000 homes.

LAST RESORT

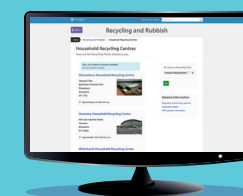


Want more info?

You can find out all about your collection service and other ways that you can recycle in Shropshire by visiting our website.

Did you know...

There are five Household Recycling Centres in Shropshire. To find your nearest Household Recycling Centre with opening times and details of the types of recycling they accept visit the website.



For more information about your recycling and waste collections you can:

- recycleforshropshire.org
- Email customerfirst@shropshire.gov.uk
- Or phone 0345 678 9007
- ShropshireWaste



What you can recycle in your home



Shropshire recycles

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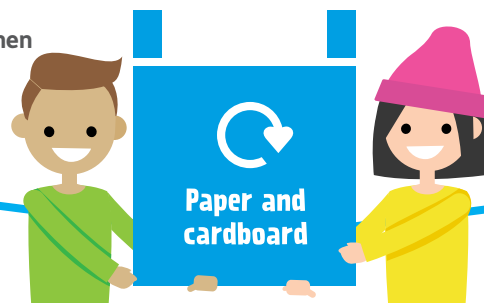
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How to sort your waste for collection



Paper and cardboard

The blue bag makes it easy to recycle.
Put your blue bag out on the same day as your recycling boxes.



Remember to put your recycling out by 7.00am on your collection day. Check your calendar for the dates.



Flatten cardboard to get as much as possible in the bag.



Remove all staples, tape and other packaging materials.

If you have lots of cardboard, cut or tear into small pieces (the size of your blue bag) and secure together. Leave by the side of your blue bag, secured so that it doesn't become wind blown.

Plastics, glass and cans

There's no need to separate cans, plastics and glass anymore.
You can now mix them all together in your boxes making it even easier to recycle.



Please rinse all containers before recycling them.



Please **separate lids** from their containers before recycling them



✓ Metal lids



✓ Plastic lids



✓ Other lids

Household batteries
Please place in clear plastic bag and put out on recycling day next to your recycling box.

Plastics, glass and cans



No carrier bags please.

Keep materials loose.



Need more recycling containers, boxes or bags? Just order them online at www.recycleforshropshire.org or call our customer service centre on 0345 678 9007.

Your collection days will stay the same.

Check your calendar for the dates.



Garden waste

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Your garden waste is sent to a composting facility where it is turned into compost.



✓ Grass cuttings, leaves and weeds



✓ Tree, shrub and prunings



✓ A small amount of shredded paper



General waste

For anything that can't be recycled, you can use your general waste bin. We send this waste to an **Energy Recovery Facility** where it is used to generate electricity.

Remember, we don't collect waste from the side of your bin.

Make sure everything fits inside and the lid is closed.



Household Recycling Centres (HRCs)

We recycle over 30 different types of materials at the HRCs – everything from kettles and toasters, to car batteries, paint and cooking oil! **Don't forget, if you're in a van or using a trailer – you may need a permit.**

Bulky waste

Another way to recycle large, bulky items is to donate them to a local re-use shop or scheme. Or if you'd like us to pick it up, you can pay to use our bulky waste collection service. Simply call:

0345 678 9007

