# Let's get our recycling sorted

## Top tips

- Rinse containers before recycling them. Give plastic and metal containers a quick rinse to remove food or liquids before putting them in your recycling bins.
- Don't bin your batteries! Putting batteries in the bin is a fire risk.
  Please take them to a recycling centre or supermarket collection point instead.
- Cut, fold and squash cardboard to fit as much in the bin as possible and remember to remove any tape.
- Use an old paper or plastic bag such as a bread bag or carrier bag to line your food caddy and keep it clean.
- On most bins, the main lid is locked to stop tied bags of waste going in. Squash and fold your recycling so it fits through the opening on top of the bin.
- Check you can recycle your items. Putting non-recyclable or incorrect items into recycling bins could mean the whole lot goes to general waste.

## Your recycling bins

### **Paper**

- Newspapers and magazines
- Paperback books
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)

#### Glass

• Glass bottles and jars of any colour

#### **Food waste**

- Cooked and raw food
- Tea bags
- Coffee grounds
- Peelings
- Meat
- Fish and bones

### Cardboard and brown paper

- Flattened boxes (tape removed)
- Clean food and drinks cartons
- Cardboard tubes
- Greeting cards (no glitter)
- Brown paper

### Tin cans and metal

- Clean food and drink cans
- Clean foil
- Empty aerosols
- Metal lids

#### **Plastic**

- Plastic bottles
- Trays and tubs
- Bottle tops

## Your non-recyclable household waste bin (general waste)

- Only put things in this bin that can't be recycled
- Don't leave rubbish on the floor. It will not be collected.

Contact your landlord or Bristol City Council for bulky waste collections: <a href="mailto:bristol.gov.uk/bulkywaste">bristol.gov.uk/bulkywaste</a>

#### Trash Talk!

- Bristol is number 1 English core city for recycling
- Glass can be recycled endlessly
- We recycle 55,000 tonnes annually
- 6 recycled tea bags generate enough energy to boil a kettle
- You could save around £700 a year by not wasting food
- 1 banana skin generates enough energy to charge 2 mobile phones
- It takes 95% less energy to make a can using recycled aluminium
- 180,000 tonnes diverted from landfill last year
- 1,000,000 recycling collections each month

## Hey, neighbour!

Find all you need to know about becoming a recycling champion, including information about collection and where to find your nearest Household Reuse and Recycling Centre on our website.

www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk

#### Get in touch

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