

## Recycling bin Collected every week

### Yes please



Paper



Card



Envelopes



Aerosol cans



Food and drinks cans



Plastic bottles



Plastic pots and tubs



Plastic trays



Food and drinks cartons

### No thanks



Glass bottles and jars



Clothing and textiles



Food waste



Garden waste



Carrier and bin bags



Greasy pizza boxes



Coffee cups



Plastic bags & food pouches



Plastic film and film lids



Nappies

### Remember

- Only put items from the yes list in your recycling bin. Other items may cause the whole lorry load to be rejected.
- Leave lids on bottles
- We're sorry we can no longer get plastic bags recycled. Don't use them to wrap your waste – recycle items loose.

## Textiles Collected every week

### Yes please



Clothes



Home textiles



Paired shoes



Bags and belts

### No thanks



Pillows and duvets

**Remember** – Please put textiles, clothes, shoes and accessories in a sealed, clearly labelled bag by the side of your bin.

## Garden waste Collected fortnightly and can be recycled at community recycling centres

### Yes please



Grass cuttings



Prunings



Fallen leaves



Cut flowers

### No thanks



Soil and stones

**Subscribe** to our popular garden waste service at [epsom-ewell.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://epsom-ewell.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

**Remember** – Garden waste can also be composted at home – order a discounted compost bin online at [recycleforsurrey.org.uk](http://recycleforsurrey.org.uk)

[www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/recycling)

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you chuck it out!



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weekly  
recycling

Over the last year Epsom & Ewell residents have recycled 53% of their waste – the highest we've ever achieved and well ahead of the national average.

But over the last few months we've noticed that contamination of green recycling bins is becoming an issue.

And that costs you money.

## What is contamination?

Contamination is where the wrong things are put into a bin.

### Your green bin is for recycling:

- ✓ paper & card
- ✓ cartons
- ✓ plastics
- ✓ cans



But we have noticed that, increasingly, people are using it for other things, like glass, food and textiles, as well as general refuse.

## Why is this a problem – especially if it's recyclable like glass?

It's about how the recycling companies work. With **Simply Weekly Recycling** we carefully considered this, in order to get the best value for residents.

✗ **Glass in the green bin** smashes and damages the machines that sort your recycling. It's expensive to fix the machines. And glass shards in the rest of the recycling reduce its value. That's why we ask you to put glass separately in your recycling box



✗ **Food in the green bin** is difficult and expensive to separate. It reduces the value of the rest of your recycling, and once cleaned off has to be disposed of as refuse, which is very expensive.



✗ **Textiles in the green bin** get caught in the machines, causing damage, delays and cost.



## The right thing in the right bin

So we're appealing to everyone:

**check it out before you chuck it out!**

The right thing in the right bin helps us get more recycled, and at the best value to you.

There's a quick guide inside this leaflet. Thanks for taking the time to read it, and thank you for recycling. Without you none of our services could be the success they are.

## What goes in each bin?

### Food waste bin Collected every week

Yes please



All food



Meat



Eggshells



Teabags



Peelings

No thanks



Liquids

**Remember** You can use any bag except black bags to line your caddy, including carrier bags, vegetable bags or pedal bin liners.

### Kerbside box Collected every week

Yes please



Glass bottles and jars of any colour

No thanks

✗ **Anything else**  
This box is just for glass bottles and jars

For more information on anything to do with waste or recycling or to find out what services we offer in your area if you live in a flat, please visit [www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/recycling)