

# Don't let your good recycling go to waste



Cleaner recycling  
means less waste,  
less landfill and  
more value

Emptied  Rinsed  Sorted

# Your blue bin recycling service

## What to recycle

If bottles, cans or other containers have any food waste on them, scrape this into your food waste caddy first, and then give them a quick rinse before you pop them in your blue recycling bin.

## Yes

- ✓ Corrugated cardboard
- ✓ Telephone directories
- ✓ Newspapers & magazines
- ✓ Tins, cans & foils
- ✓ Plastic bottles
- ✓ Plastic packaging
- ✓ Cartons

## No

- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Black bag waste
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Unrinsed items with food residue
- ✗ Items not pictured above

## Remember

Don't put items with food waste on them straight in the blue bin – they can spoil paper and cardboard. This could mean it can't be recycled and may have to go to landfill. Take just a few seconds to rinse them – then your good efforts won't be wasted.



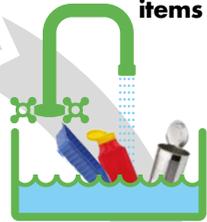
# What happens to your recycling

Recycling is more valuable to councils when it is clean.

You use product



You rinse empty items



Materials made into new products



Good quality recycling is bulked and sold to companies to make new materials



Clean recycling is separated to maintain quality and maximise value



You place in recycling bins



Council collects recycling and transports to a facility for sorting



Items that are too dirty can end up in landfill

# Your questions answered

## Why do I need to rinse?

If you rinse your bottles, cans and plastic containers they won't spoil other items in your blue bin, like paper and cardboard. Fewer spoiled items means more is recycled, and less is sent to landfill.

## Is using water to rinse items bad for the environment?

It only takes a quick rinse and it's better for the environment than having to send valuable recycling items to landfill because they're too dirty. If you can, rinse them in your soapy water – after you've washed the dishes – to cut down the amount of water you use.

## Can the council not clean the recycling for us?

If it's spoiled by the time it reaches us, there's really not much we can do, especially with paper and cardboard. Spoiled items cost councils more to dispose of, as they have to be sent to landfill. If we all make an effort, we could save as much as £7 million a year to use on other council services across Scotland.

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