



## Greater Manchester

### Bin Colours Information Sheet

Check the table below to see if the correct items have been put in each category. To help you relate this to the bins you use at home, we have listed the bin colours in each council area.

Name of Bin	Colours in your area	What can go in?
<b>Mixed Recycling</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolton – Burgundy</li> <li>• Bury – Blue</li> <li>• Manchester – Brown</li> <li>• Oldham – Brown</li> <li>• Rochdale – Green with blue lid</li> <li>• Salford – Brown</li> <li>• Stockport – Brown</li> <li>• Tameside – Black</li> <li>• Trafford – Black</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plastic bottles all types (no lids)</li> <li>• Milk / drinks bottles</li> <li>• Cleaning / bleach / detergent bottles</li> <li>• Toiletry bottles</li> <li>• Food tins</li> <li>• Drinks cans</li> <li>• Empty aerosols</li> <li>• Clean foil and trays</li> <li>• Glass bottles</li> <li>• Glass jars</li> </ul>
<b>Paper and Card</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolton – Cream (Beige)</li> <li>• Bury – Green</li> <li>• Manchester – Blue</li> <li>• Oldham – Blue</li> <li>• Rochdale – Blue</li> <li>• Salford – Blue</li> <li>• Stockport – Blue</li> <li>• Tameside – Blue</li> <li>• Trafford – Blue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspapers and magazines</li> <li>• Catalogues and brochures</li> <li>• Telephone directories</li> <li>• Envelopes</li> <li>• Junk mail (without plastic wrapping)</li> <li>• Drinks and food cartons (Tetra Paks) e.g. Orange juice carton</li> <li>• Toilet and kitchen roll tubes</li> <li>• Cardboard boxes e.g. cereal boxes</li> <li>• Greeting cards</li> <li>• Card food packaging (no food please)</li> </ul>
<b>Food and Garden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolton – Green</li> <li>• Bury – Brown</li> <li>• Manchester – Green</li> <li>• Oldham – Green</li> <li>• Rochdale – Brown</li> <li>• Salford – Black with pink lid</li> <li>• Stockport – Green</li> <li>• Tameside – Brown</li> <li>• Trafford – Green</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food cooked and uncooked</li> <li>• Raw and cooked fruit and vegetables</li> <li>• Meat and fish including bones and skin</li> <li>• Cheese and other dairy products</li> <li>• Eggs and egg shells</li> <li>• Bread, cake and pastries</li> <li>• Tea bags and coffee grinds</li> <li>• Grass cuttings / leaves</li> <li>• Hedge clippings / weeds</li> <li>• Cut flowers / plants / twigs</li> <li>• Small branches</li> </ul>
<b>General Waste</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolton – Grey / Black</li> <li>• Bury – Grey / Black</li> <li>• Manchester – Grey</li> <li>• Oldham – Grey / Black</li> <li>• Rochdale – Dark Green</li> <li>• Salford – Black</li> <li>• Stockport – Black</li> <li>• Tameside – Green</li> <li>• Trafford – Small Grey</li> </ul>	





## Commonly Misunderstood Items

### Mixed Recycling Bin

• Pyrex® glass – should not be placed in this bin. It melts at higher temperatures than normal glass so will contaminate glass recycling. You should also not put in broken drinking glasses, broken window /plate glass, windscreen glass etc. Only put in glass bottles and jars

• Paint cans – leaking of paint will contaminate the recycling and damage the Recycling Facility. It is better to take this to a Household Waste Recycling Centre for safe disposal

• Plastics other than Plastic bottles – The only plastics you can put in your recycling bin are plastic bottles. NOT margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, tubes, tubs, plastic trays, plastic bags, plastic film or anything which is NOT A BOTTLE

• Plastic bags – should not be placed in the recycling bin. Please remove lids from all items before putting items into the recycling bin. The lids should then go in your general waste bin

### Food and Garden Bin

• It is OK to mix garden and food waste in this bin

• Only use compostable liners in kitchen food caddies as these will rot during the In Vessel Composting process. General plastic bags are not acceptable to use as caddy liners as they do not rot and so contaminate the compost.

