



Greater Manchester Bin Colours Information Sheet



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



Bin	Colour in your area	What can go in?
Mixed Recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolton - Burgundy Bury - Blue Manchester - Brown Oldham - Brown Rochdale - Green with blue lid Salford - Brown Stockport - Brown Tameside - Green Trafford - Black 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic bottles (no tops) <i>all types including</i> : Cleaning / bleach / detergent bottles Trigger spray bottles Shampoo and shower gel bottles Milk / drinks bottles Plastic pots (e.g. yoghurt, soup, cosmetics) Plastic tubs (e.g. margarine, laundry powder, chocolates etc) Plastic trays (e.g. meat trays, fruit and veg punnets etc) Empty aerosols Clean foil and foil trays Food tins Drinks cans Glass bottles and glass jars (no lids)
Paper and Card	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bolton – Cream/Beige Bury - Green Manchester - Blue Oldham - Blue Rochdale - Blue Salford - Blue Stockport - Blue Tameside - Blue Trafford – Blue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newspapers and magazines Catalogues and brochures Envelopes Junk mail (no plastic wrapping) Cardboard boxes e.g. cereal boxes Cardboard egg trays Cardboard delivery boxes Toilet and kitchen roll tubes Drink and food cartons (Tetra Pak) Greetings cards (no glitter) Cardboard takeaway boxes (no food)





Food and Garden

- **Bolton** - Green
- **Bury** - Green
- **Manchester** - Green
- **Oldham** - Green
- **Rochdale** - Brown
- **Salford** - Black with pink lid
- **Stockport** - Green
- **Tameside** - Brown
- **Trafford** - Green

- Food waste (cooked and uncooked)
- Raw and cooked fruit and vegetables
- Meat and fish including bones and skin
- Cheese and other dairy products
- Eggs / egg shells
- Bread, cake and pastries
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Grass cuttings / leaves
- Weeds / plants / cut flowers
- Hedge clippings / twigs / small branches

General Waste

- **Bolton** - Grey/Black
- **Bury** - Grey/Black
- **Manchester** - Grey
- **Oldham** - Grey/black
- **Rochdale** - Dark Green
- **Salford** - Black
- **Stockport** - Black
- **Tameside** - Green
- **Trafford** - Small Grey

- Other plastic packaging (e.g. crisps packets, chocolate bar wrappers, sweet wrappers)
- Plastic bags
- Bubble wrap
- Cling film
- Polystyrene
- Cotton wool and make up pads
- Nappies and sanitary products
- Tissues, kitchen roll and wet wipes
- Pet waste
- Straws
- Toothpaste tubes
- Disposable coffee cups
- Blister packs
- Bottle tops and glass jar lids





Commonly misunderstood items



Mixed Recycling Bin



Glass – 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 glass or windscreen glass. The only glass items that can be placed in this bin are 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.



Plastic bags – Soft plastics such as plastic bags and wrappers should not be placed in the mixed recycling bin at home. They could be taken back to supermarkets which have a soft plastics recycling bin.



Metals - The only metals allowed in this bin are steel food cans, aluminium drinks cans, aerosols, foil and foil trays. Any other metal items such as pans, utensils, drinks flasks etc should be taken to a Household Waste Recycling Centre and placed in the scrap metal container.



Tops/lids - It is best to remove bottle tops and glass jar lids if you can before putting items into the recycling bin. The lids should then go in your general waste bin.



Garden Waste Bin



It is ok to mix **garden and food waste** in this bin. Please only use compostable liners in kitchen food caddies as these *will* rot during the composting process.



General plastic bags and newspaper are not acceptable to use as caddy liners as they contaminate the compost.

