Your guide to recycling at home

A guide to what you can recycle as part of your kerbside recycling collection in Neath Port Talbot
This guide will help you to understand what types of materials can be recycled at the kerbside and where you can recycle those that can’t.

Neath Port Talbot Council is working to increase the amount of recycling taking place in the county borough.

The Welsh Government has set out a requirement for all councils in Wales to increase their recycling rate year on year, with a 58% recycling rate having to be achieved by 2015/16 and a 64% recycling rate by 2019/20.

Strict fines will be imposed on local councils if the targets are missed, which is why we are asking every household in Neath Port Talbot to recycle everything they can.

To achieve these targets, we want to make it as easy as possible for you to recycle as much as possible, and ask for your support and correct use of the Council’s kerbside recycling scheme.

Thank you for helping us to recycle more.
**Cardboard**

**YES**
- ✔ Cardboard boxes
- ✔ Corrugated cardboard
- ✔ Ready meal sleeves
- ✔ Cereal boxes
- ✔ Toilet/kitchen roll tubes
- ✔ Greetings cards
- ✔ Egg boxes

**NO**
- ✗ Large corrugated cardboard units that haven’t been broken up. (Large cardboard packaging must be broken up otherwise it will not fit on our collection vehicles.) 

- ✗ Plastic film – please remove where possible

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**Cartons**

**YES**
- ✔ Drink cartons e.g. milk/ juice*
- ✔ Tetra Paks*
- ✔ Soup cartons*

**NO**
- ✗ Cartons that haven’t been rinsed out

*remove plastic lids

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*RC* take to the recycling centre, more details on page 8.
Plastics

**YES**
- ✔ Plastic bottles
- ✔ Plastic food tubs, pots and trays
- ✔ Cleaning bottles (e.g. bleach)
- ✔ Bathroom product bottles (e.g. shampoo)
- ✔ Plastic bottle tops or lids (please remove from the bottle)
- ✔ Carrier bags
- ✔ Bubble wrap

**NO**
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Crisp packets
- ✗ Plastic film (including pallet wrap)
- ✗ Pet food pouches
- ✗ Plastic plant pots or trays
- ✗ Hard plastics such as toys, coat hangers or garden furniture
- ✗ Containers for engine oil or paint
- ✗ CD/DVD cases
- ✗ Partially full containers

Glass

**YES**
- ✔ Glass bottles (all colours)
- ✔ Glass jars (all colours)

**NO**
- ✗ Toughened glass e.g. car windows
- ✗ Window panes
- ✗ China/crockery
- ✗ Pyrex
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Partially full containers
Mixed paper

**YES**
- ✔ Paper and magazines
- ✔ Phone directories
- ✔ Catalogues
- ✔ Junk mail
- ✔ Envelopes (plain or padded)
- ✔ Shredded paper

**NO**
- ✗ Animal bedding
- ✗ Wrapping paper
- ✗ Wall paper
- ✗ Kitchen roll
- ✗ Tissues or wet wipes
- ✗ Laminated paper

Textiles and clothes

**YES**
- ✔ Clothing
- ✔ Bedding covers and sheets
- ✔ Curtains
- ✔ Shoes

**NO**
- ✗ Duvets/pillows/cushions
- ✗ Good quality items that could be reused (e.g. donate to a charity shop)

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### Food waste

**YES**
- ✓ Meat and fish – raw and cooked, including bones
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables – raw, cooked and peelings
- ✓ Dairy products e.g. cheese
- ✓ Bread, cakes and pastries
- ✓ Rice, pasta and beans
- ✓ Uneaten food from your plates and dishes
- ✓ Teabags, tea and coffee grounds
- ✓ Egg shells

**NO**
- ✗ Packaging of any sort
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Oil or liquid fat [RC]
- ✗ Newspaper or kitchen roll
- ✗ Food in packets (e.g. out of date items)
- ✗ Animal waste of any sort

### Garden waste

**YES**
- ✓ Grass cuttings, weeds and leaves
- ✓ Flowers – cut and contents of hanging baskets and potted plants
- ✓ Hedge prunings, bark, twigs, sticks, branches (less than 5cm thick)
- ✓ Sawdust and wood chippings

**NO**
- ✗ Soil, compost, rubble, timber or stones
- ✗ Invasive weeds such as Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and ragwort
- ✗ Tree stumps or thick branches [RC]
- ✗ Animal bedding [RC]
## Metals

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## Batteries

You can only recycle batteries at the kerbside once your household is on our Recycle+ service and you have been provided with a battery bag.

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Take a trip to the Recycling Centre!

Many of the things listed above that cannot be recycled as part of your kerbside collection will be accepted at one of our recycling centres.

There are three recycling centres in Neath Port Talbot; in Briton Ferry, Cymmer and Pontardawe.

To make use of these facilities, you must be a resident of Neath Port Talbot and be recycling or disposing of your own household waste. You can take all these materials to our recycling centres:

- Newspapers, magazines and cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Sheet glass
- Metal cans
- Plastics
- Vehicle or household batteries
- Waste mineral (engine) oil
- Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes
- Carpets
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Empty gas bottles
- Household paint
- Textiles and shoes
- Garden waste
- Scrap metal
- Wood/timber
- Waste electrical and electronic equipment

If you visit any of the centres in a van or with a trailer, you will need to apply for a free entry permit. You can do this online or by calling us on 01639 686868.

For a full list of what you can take to the Recycling Centre or to book a permit, visit: www.npt.gov.uk/recycle
Bulk collections

If you have items that are too big for your bin or for you to transport to the recycling centre, you can book a bulk collection with us.

There is a charge for this service and we will collect any number of items from televisions to carpets, furniture to fridges.

To book, visit www.npt.gov.uk/bulks.

Reuse Shop

If you feel your unwanted items are too good for recycling, then please don’t throw them away.

Our Reuse Shop at the Briton Ferry Recycling Centre is open all year round, Monday – Sunday*

Reuse is important in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill and helps to reduce disposal costs.

Managed by the Enfys Foundation, the shop is a great place to donate your unwanted items to be sold on at low prices. That way they go to a good home, rather than be thrown away.

You can donate items for reuse at any of our three recycling centres.

*Check online at www.npt.gov.uk/recycle or contact the Reuse Shop direct on 01639 821 045 for opening times.
Contact us

If you need help or advice on any aspect of our recycling service, there are a number of ways you can get in touch with us:

Facebook Recycle4NPT
Twitter @Recycle4NPT
Phone 01639 686868
Website www.npt.gov.uk/recycle