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# Recycling made easy: Dry recyclables

## Zero Waste SA

Now that recycling trucks take all recycling together, it's easier than ever to get recycling right. This fact sheet outlines some easy tips to make recycling at home as easy as possible.

### Remember these 2 points and you won't go wrong:

- 1 make sure the material is recyclable (no nappies, plastic bags, cling wrap, ceramics, food, polystyrene, foam or fabric.)
- 2 remove lids, give containers a quick rinse, flatten cardboard, separate the component parts of recyclables (e.g. plastics from cardboard) and then throw it all in the recycling bin together.

### “A quick rinse will do”

- Containers only require cleaning if they contain food remnants such as pet food tins or if they will develop bad odours such as dairy containers
- A quick rinse will do for most items
- Reuse dishwater where possible to save water
- Labels are OK left on (and can be recycled separately if they come off)





Further information contact your Council or Zero Waste SA at [www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au](http://www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au) or on 8204 2051.

## Glass

All clear, green and amber (brown) glass bottles and jars are suitable for recycling.

Empty glass containers, separate lids (recycle the metal lids).

## Paper and cardboard

Any form of paper that is not contaminated with excess food or oil — old newspapers, magazines, leaflets and advertising material, flattened cardboard (including pizza boxes), stationery, envelopes, telephone books, can all go into the recycling bin and there is no need to tie them up. Staples and paper clips are fine.

## Food and drink cartons (LPB)

'Liquid Paper Board' cartons containing such things as milk, juice, custard, and stocks are all recyclable.

## Metal

All steel cans and lids, including aerosol cans, and all aluminium cans can all be recycled.

- food and drink cans
- aerosol cans
- oil and paint cans (empty and dry)
- metal bottle tops and jam jar lids

Please put steel lids inside other steel cans. Do not put out dangerous steel products such as gas cylinders and fire extinguishers for recycling. Check with Council for the best course of action.

## Plastic

All rigid plastic containers are recyclable.

Remove the lids (plastic lids are not being recycled at this stage).

Please do not put soft plastics such as cling wrap, plastic bags or polystyrene foam in your kerbside recycling. Plastic bags are accepted for recycled at various supermarkets.

## Container Deposits

Don't forget that you can also take most drink containers to your local recycling depot to get your deposit back. Check the label - it will confirm that the 10c deposit applies when sold in South Australia.

