A-Z of recycling and disposals



Want to know what you can recycle in East Devon?

Here's a handy list of every day materials that you can recycle and separate in to your green box, green sack and blue food waste bin for weekly collection from the kerbside. We've also listed items that we are unable to recycle and will need to go in to your waste bin which is collected every three weeks.

You may find that there are alternative ways to reuse or recycle some items such as charity shops, reuse shops or recycling centres. Some of these methods are listed below.

Items marked with a * should be placed into a plastic bag before being placed into the container

Item	Disposal method	
Aerosol cans (empty)	Green sack	
Air freshener (electric)*	Green box	
Aluminium foil/trays	Green sack	
Animal waste/bedding	Grey bin	
Ash (cold)	Grey bin	
Baby nappies	Grey bin	
Baby wipes	Grey bin	
Baking tray (metal)	Recycling centre Grey bin	
Bath sponges	Grey bin	

Batteries*	Green box
Birthday cards (non-glitter type)	Green box
Blister packs	Grey bin
Bones	Blue food caddy
Books (paperback)	Green box
Books (hardback)	Remove covers – Green box
Bread bags	Grey bin
Brochures/catalogues	Green box
Brown paper	Green box
Broken glass (wrapped)	Grey bin
Bubble wrap	Grey bin
Building rubble	Recycling Centre
Candles	Grey bin
Cans (food and drink)	Green sack
Car batteries	Recycling centre
Cardboard/cardboard packaging	Green box
Cards (greetings cards, non-glitter)	Green box
Carpets	Recycling centre
Carrier/plastic bags	Grey bin
Cartons/Tetrapaks	Green sack
Cat litter – (bagged)	Grey bin

CD's/Videos/tapes	Recycling centre Grey bin
Cellophane	Grey bin
Cereal bags (inner bag)	Grey bin
Cereal boxes	Green box
Christmas cards (non-glitter)	Green box
Cling film/thin plastic	Grey bin
Clocks (battery)*	Green box
Clocks (no battery)	Grey bin
Clothes and Shoes*	Green box
Coat hangers	Grey bin
Coffee cup (disposable)	Grey bin
Coffee grounds	Blue food caddy
Coffee pods	Grey bin
Cooking fat	Allow to cool – grey bin
Cooking oil	Recycling centre
Cork	Grey bin
Cotton wool	Grey bin
Cotton buds	Grey bin
Crockery	Recycling centre Grey bin
Crisp packets and sweet wrappers	Grey bin
Crisp tubes	Green box
Cushions	Recycling centre Grey bin

Cutlery	Recycling Centre	Grey bin
Dental floss	Grey bin	
Disposable razors	Grey bin	
Drink cartons	Green sack	
Drinking glasses	Recycling centre	Grey bin (wrapped if broken)
Duvets/pillows	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Egg boxes (card)	Green box	
Egg boxes (plastic)	Green sack	
Engine oil	Recycling centre	
Envelopes (non-padded and paper)	Green box	
Envelopes (padded)	Grey bin	
Elastic bands	Grey bin	
Electrical items (small)*	Green box	
Electrical items (large)	Recycling centre / service	bulky waste
Electric blanket*	Green box	
Flat glass	Recycling centre	
Flower pots	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Fruit/vegetables	Blue food caddy	

Foil (clean)	Green sack	
Food trays (hard plastic)	Green sack	
Food trays (soft plastic	Green sack	
Food waste	Blue food caddy	
Furniture	Recycling centre / bulky waste service	
Garden plants/weeds/grass cuttings	Recycling centre	
Gas bottles	Recycling centre	
Glass bottles and jars	Green box	
Glassware/Pyrex	Recycling centre	
Greaseproof paper	Grey bin	
Hair	Grey bin	
Hoover dust	Grey bin	
Household/garden chemicals/detergents	Recycling centre	
Ice-cream tub	Green sack	
Incontinence pads	Grey bin	
Inflatable plastic items	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Ink cartridges	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Inhaler	Aerosol green sack	Plastic in grey bin
Jars (glass)	Green box	

Jar lids	Green sack
J Cloth	Grey bin
Jiffy bags (padded envelope)	Grey bin
Junk mail (remove plastic bags)	Green box
Kitchen food waste	Blue caddy
Kitchen roll tubes	Green box
Keyboard (computer)*	Green box
Laminated paper	Grey bin
Lamps (remove shade)	Green box
Laundry pegs	Grey bin
Leather clothing	Green box
Lightbulbs (energy saving)	Recycling centre Grey bin
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	councils
Light bulbs (fluorescent tubes)	
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Magazines Margarine tubs	Councils Recycling centre Green box Green sack
Magazines Margarine tubs Meat trays (plastic)	Councils Recycling centre Green box Green sack Green sack

Motorbike battery	Recycling centre	
Nappies	Grey bin	
Newspapers	Green box	
Office paper	Green box	
Packaging peanuts	Grey bin	
Paint tins	Recycling centre	
Paper	Green box	
Paper towels	Grey bin	
Papier mache	Grey bin	
Pens	Grey bin	
Pet food pouches	Grey bin	
Pet food tins and trays (clean)	Green sack	
Photographs	Grey bin	
Pillow cases*	Green box	
Pillows	Recycling centre Grey bin	
Plasters	Grey bin	
Plastic bottles/containers	Green sack	
Plastic bags	Grey bin (recyclable in some supermarkets)	
Plastic food trays/punnets	Green sack	
Plastic film	Grey bin	

Plastic netting	Grey bin	
Plastic plant pots	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Plastic toys	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Postcards	Green box	
Pots and Pans (metal)	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Polystyrene	Grey bin	
Pyrex	Recycling centre	Grey bin
Razor blades	Grey bin	
Remote control*	Green box	
Roll-on deodorant bottle	Green sack	
Rubber gloves	Grey bin	
Sanitary wear	Grey bin	
Scrap metal	Recycling centre	
Sheets (textiles)*	Green box	
Shredded paper (bagged)*	Green box	
Soft toys (stuffed)	Recycling Centre	Grey bin
Spectacles	Grey bin	
Styrofoam	Grey bin	
Sweet/chocolate/biscuit	Green sack	
containers (tin)		
Sweet wrappers	Grey bin	

Tablet packing (preformed plastic)	Grey bin	
Takeaway container (plastic)	Green sack	
Takeaway container (foil)	Green sack	
Takeaway pizza boxes	Grey bin	
Tea bags/leaves	Blue food caddy	
Teddy bears	Recycling centre Grey bin	
Tetra Pak	Green sack	
Thermos flask	Grey bin	
Tiles (ceramic or roof)	Recycling centre	
Tin (food)	Green sack	
Tissues	Grey bin	
Tissue boxes (cardboard)	Green box	
Toilet roll tubes	Green box	
Toothbrush (electric) – remove brush part*	Green box	
Toothbrush (non-electric)	Grey bin	
Toothpaste tubes	Grey bin	
Toothpaste pump	Green sack	
Tupperware containers	Recycling centre Grey bin	
Wallpaper (used or unused)	Grey bin	
Washing powder boxes (card)	Green box	
Washing powder/capsule box (plastic)	Green sack	

Washing up liquid bottles	Green sack
Washing up sponges	Grey bin
Watches (with battery)	Green box
Watches (no battery)	Grey bin
Water filters	Grey bin
Wet wipes	Grey bin
Wood/timber	Recycling centre
Wrapping paper (non-metallic)	Green box
Wrapping paper (metallic/glitter)	Grey bin
Yellow pages	Green box
Yoghurt/margarine tubs	Green sack

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