

RECYCLING DECODED

Do you know what these common recycling icons mean for your packaging?



Mobius Loop

This means the item is capable of being recycled, but not that it has been recycled, or will be accepted in all recycling collection systems. Sometimes this is accompanied by a percentage figure that indicates it's made from X% recycled material.



Plastic Resin Codes

This identifies the type of plastic used. The number in the middle (which ranges from one to seven) acts as a resin identification code alongside the plastic's acronym (e.g. PET stands for polyethylene terephthalate).



Glass

This symbol encourages you to recycle glass containers in a bottle bank (remember to separate different coloured glass). Alternatively, use your glass household recycling collection service if your local council has one.



Forest Stewardship Council

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) logo shows that wood and other forest-based items are sourced from well-managed forests and/or recycled and controlled sources and comply with the rules of the FSC.



Not Yet Recyclable

The label is applied to products that are recycled by less than 20% of local authorities in the UK.



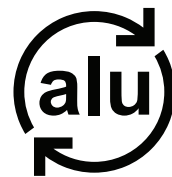
Check Locally

This symbol appears on packaging that is collected by 20%-75% of local authorities in the UK.



Recyclable Steel

This means the item is made of steel and can be recycled by all local authorities.



Aluminium

The aluminium icon means the object is made from recyclable aluminium.



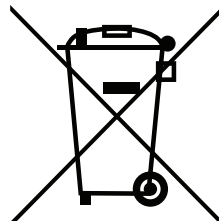
Compostable

The seedling icon means the item can be composted. However, don't mix this with recyclable items as it contaminates the recycling process.



The Green Dot

This symbol does not necessarily mean the item is recyclable. However, it means the producer has made a financial contribution to the recycling of packaging in Europe.



Waste Electricals

Some electrical items cannot be disposed of in normal waste. Check with your local authority for kerbside collection, or recycle them at a recycling centre or at larger retailers.



Widely Recycled

This icon means the item is collected by 75% or more of local authorities across the UK. Variations of the symbol include instructions such as rinsing the item first, or keeping the lid of the product on.



Home Composting

This symbol means the item can be composted at home.



Tidy-man

Another symbol which could easily be confused to mean the item is recyclable. This symbol serves as a reminder not to litter.



Widely Recycled at Recycling Centres

Items with this symbol can only be recycled at specific recycling centres.