

# Leave it Loose!

## Recycling Reminder

With your help we are recycling more and more!

We empty over 3 million bins in High Peak every year!

Thank you for leaving it loose!  
#leaveitloose



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# LEAVE IT LOOSE!

## What does 'Leave it Loose' mean?

**Recyclable materials are easier to process if they are put into your brown bin loose – not in bags or boxes.**

We work hard to reduce the levels of non recyclable materials (contamination) in our collections but we need your help.

It is important all recyclable items are placed in your brown bin loose, not inside bags, so the material can be sorted quickly and more efficiently at the recycling plant.

With your help we've improved our recycling rate and will continue to work with you to reduce the amount of waste put in black bins.

## What are the benefits?

✓ Reuse bags to reduce the amount of plastic being wasted.

✓ Do your bit for the local environment.

✓ Help us reduce contamination in recycling and save money.



# DON'T LET YOUR BIN GET LEFT BEHIND!

## Why does 'Leave it Loose' matter?

**It matters because items such as plastic bags, electronics and batteries cannot be recycled on our service. If contamination levels are too high, the sorting facility can reject our material, meaning we are charged extra for disposal.**

This is why we don't empty brown bins containing items not currently recycled on our scheme. If we can't empty your bin due to contamination we will sticker your bin and write to you to explain why it wasn't emptied.

## We do not want



### Plastic Bags

Reuse your plastic bags or put them in your black bin.



### Small Electricals

Collections can be arranged online or items taken to your local household waste recycling centre.



### Polystyrene

This can't be recycled.



### Clothes

Clothes can be recycled in our red textile bags or given to charity for reuse.



### Batteries

Don't bin batteries, they can cause fires.

# BROWN BIN

## What happens to the items in your brown bin?



Mixed recycling is collected and taken to Buxton before being transferred to a recycling processor in the UK.



The items are tipped onto a conveyor belt and go through magnets, optical sorting equipment, and quality checks by hand to separate the material.



Once separated, the materials are baled up and sold as a product to be made into something new.

## Your recycling can be made into:



- New paper and cardboard products



- New food and drink cans
- Aeroplane parts
- Car parts



- Glass is remade into new glass (jars, bottles etc.)



- New plastic bottles & food packaging
- Clothing (e.g. football shirts)
- Drainage pipes

# GREEN LIDDED BIN

## What happens to your food and garden waste?

Your food and garden waste is taken to a specialist processing plant in Buxton where it is recycled into compost and used on local fields.



Food and garden waste is collected from your green lidded bin and taken to an in-vessel composting facility (IVC) in Buxton.



Organic waste is then mixed, shredded and transferred to sealed tunnels which are temperature controlled to optimise the composting process.

After a week, the partly composted material is moved to a 'maturation area' where it is left for eight weeks to break down further into a compost.



The final product is a fine compost which is used on local fields throughout High Peak.

## Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

Electrical items must not be put in any of your bins.

We offer a collection service for electrical items. Items will only be collected free if they are smaller than 30cm x 40cm.

Collection of larger items is a chargeable service.



**All bookings are taken on our website.**

[www.highpeak.gov.uk/Small-electrical-collection](http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/Small-electrical-collection)

## Bulky Waste Collections

Please contact Glossopdale Furniture Project if your furniture is still usable. They are a voluntary group helping people on low incomes buy furniture and collect unwanted usable furniture free of charge - [glossopdalefurniture.co.uk](http://glossopdalefurniture.co.uk)

We offer a chargeable collection service for items not suitable for reuse.

Collections take place every week, bookings must be made on our website by midnight on a Sunday for collection the next week.

**For more information visit:**

[www.highpeak.gov.uk/Bulky-Collection](http://www.highpeak.gov.uk/Bulky-Collection)



# HELPFUL HINTS

## What do these symbols really mean?

**The Green Dot** This shows the producer of the item has made a financial contribution towards recycling packaging. It doesn't mean the item can be recycled.



**The 'Seed' logo** This logo certifies that the product is 'industrially compostable' according to European standard EN13432 and is acceptable in your green lidded bin.



**The Mobius Loop** This means that the item is capable of being recycled – somewhere. But, that 'somewhere' may not even be in the UK. Check our website to see if it acceptable in High Peak.



**The Tidy Man** This symbol is to remind you to be a good citizen and not litter. He was created by Keep Britain Tidy back in the 1960s.



**Check Locally** This label is applied to packaging that is only collected by 20 – 75% of local councils. Check online before you put it in your recycling bin.



**Forest Stewardship Council** This symbol identifies that woodbased products are from well managed forests independently certified in accordance with the rules of the FSC.



## With your help we can improve...

- Recycle when you can - there is lots of helpful advice on our website and social media.
- All your food waste, including bones, can be recycled in your green lidded bin.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle. Think before throwing something away - can it be reused?
- If you have small children you can save money and reduce waste by trying real nappies.
- There are lots of local 'don't bin it, give it' sites on social media, give it a go!
- Donate unwanted clothes, books and gifts to charity.

# YOUR RECYCLING GUIDE

## Know your bins



Items should be empty, clean and loose



Cardboard & paper



Glass bottles & jars (lids on)



Plastic pots, tubs & trays



Food & drink cans



Cartons



Plastic bottles



Food scraps can be loose or in a compostable liner



Cooked & uncooked food waste



Fruit & vegetable peelings



Meat, fish & bones



Tea bags & coffee grounds



Dead flowers



Grass & hedge cuttings



All rubbish should be bagged



Non recyclable waste



Plastic bags & film



Polystyrene trays & packaging



Disposable nappies (bagged)



Cat or dog litter & faeces (bagged)



Cooled ash from fires (bagged)

For more information please visit:  
[highpeak.gov.uk/hp/bins](http://highpeak.gov.uk/hp/bins)

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