Don’t let your recycling go to waste

Make sure you recycle the right materials in your boxes and bags to avoid contaminating collections.

Remember, we CAN’T recycle:

- Any plastic not bottle shaped
- Lids on plastic bottles (including spray nozzles)
- Bottles with liquid inside

Please do not:

- Mix glass containers with plastic bottles
- Put your recycling in plastic bags (recycling needs to be loose in the containers)

Let’s turn the tide on plastic waste

594,000 tonnes of plastic bottles could be recycled in the UK

Every year in the UK 5.5 billion plastic bottles will end their life in landfill

Plastic bottles are one of the most recyclable materials, but 40% of them never reach the recycling centre

Recycle right and we can make sure no plastic bottle goes to waste

Why can’t we recycle other plastic containers?

It’s all to do with supply and demand. At the moment, there’s little demand from reprocessors for plastic pots, tubs and trays. That means we can’t guarantee they’ll be recycled, even if we collect them. So, it doesn’t matter what the PET or HDPE number says on the label. If the plastic’s not bottle-shaped, please do not put it in your recycling bag.

For more information on our waste services go to www.westberks.gov.uk/waste

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