



How do I start recycling?

Recycling is easy...

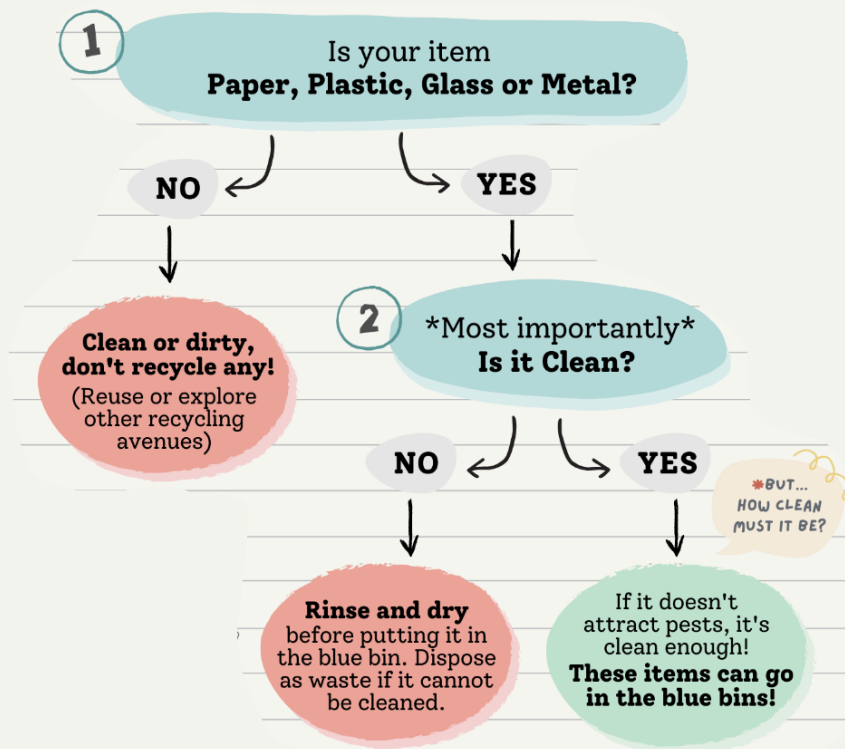
Firstly, set up a recycling corner in your home. Start by placing a recycling receptacle (bin, any container or bag) next to your trash bin so that you can start separating recyclables from general waste.

See how easy it is to set up a recycling corner!

[Picture of recycling bin next to trash bin]

Embed video: [How to Set Up a Recycling Corner V3 \(mse.gov.sg\)](https://www.mse.gov.sg/how-to-set-up-a-recycling-corner-v3)

Follow this flowchart to check if your items can or cannot be recycled!



Check out the materials below to learn more about recycling them in details:

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Paper



OK FOR BLUE RECYCLING BINS!



Cardboard boxes



Snack outer packaging and tissue boxes



Egg trays



Envelopes and flyers



Toilet paper and paper towel rolls



Newspapers, magazines and books

(Donate if they can be reused)



THESE ARE ACTUALLY OK!



There are different types (e.g paper and thermal receipts) but all are ok for the blue bins!

Receipts



They may have a waterproof lining, but it's ok to recycle them after washing!

Drink cartons (Tetra Pak)



NOT OK FOR BLUE RECYCLING BINS!



Paper towels and tissues



Disposable food and drink packaging

(These items are often used and unclean, and not selected for recycling)



Glitter papers



Crayon drawings

(Not practical to recycle as it is very difficult to separate the non-paper layer)



DON'T ANYHOW! THESE AREN'T EVEN PAPER!



Plants



Wooden chopsticks



Wooden planks

We know that paper comes from trees, but plants and wood aren't paper!



Diapers

Be it clean or dirty, don't even think about it!

Plastics



OK FOR BLUE RECYCLING BINS



Beverage bottles



Shampoo, soap and detergent bottles



Ziplock bags, plastic bags, polymailers and bubble wraps



Egg trays, fruit boxes and film packaging

(* Ensure that these items are clean. Rinse and dry if necessary)



THESE CAN BE RECYCLED (IF CLEAN), BUT IF THEY'RE TOO DIRTY/GREASY, DISCARD THEM INSTEAD



Reusable containers (e.g. Tupperware)



Takeout containers



Disposable plastic

REUSE

REFUSE

*Bring your own reusable containers and tumblers to takeaway your food and drinks!



NOT OK FOR BLUE RECYCLING BINS



Packaging with foil (e.g. potato chip bags and empty blister pack)



Melamine products



Expired credit cards



Plastic packaging contaminated with food



Toys

(*Donate if they can be reused)



STYROFOAM IS A TYPE OF PLASTIC, BUT IT CANNOT BE RECYCLED



Styrofoam food containers, cooler boxes and packing peanuts

**CLEAN OR DIRTY
DON'T RECYCLE ANY!**

Glass

OK FOR BLUE RECYCLING BINS



Liquor bottles



Drink bottles



Perfume, cosmetics and medicine bottles



Food jars



Sauce and condiment bottles/jars



Drinking and wine glasses

IF DISPOSED PROPERLY, GLASS CAN BE CONTINUOUSLY RECYCLED!
(*Ensure that they are rinsed & free of contamination)



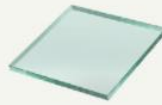
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Oven-safe food containers



Pyrex glassware



Tempered glass

(These glass items have a different composition, and are not suitable for recycling with the rest)

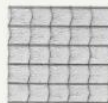


Crystal glass

(Why will you want to throw these away?)



Mirror



Glass with metal wires

DON'T TREAT THESE AS GLASS!



Porcelain and ceramics



Spectacles



Light bulbs

Place them in the e-waste bins instead

Metal



OK FOR BLUE RECYCLING BINS



Beverage cans



Biscuit tins



Metal containers



Food cans



Paint cans

(Ensure that there's no liquid paint left)



Old medals

(Remove ribbon)



THESE ARE ACTUALLY OK ONLY IF THEY ARE COMPLETELY METAL



Metal cutlery



Steel wool



Metal accessories

(While these items can be recycled, they are small and difficult to pick up during the recycling process)



NOT OK FOR BLUE RECYCLING BINS



Rusty metal cans

(A small amount of rust is ok, but dispose them as waste if they look like this!)



Dirty aluminium foil and trays

(While aluminium can be recycled, they are often contaminated with food)



E-waste

(Do not place them in the blue bins! Cables and laptops can be placed in e-waste bins)

E-waste

IMPORTANT: DO NOT RECYCLE E-WASTE IN BLUE RECYCLING BINS!



RECYCLE E-WASTE THROUGH THESE WAYS:

- E-waste Bins
- Retailer 1-for-1 Take-back
- Bulky Item Removal Service¹
- Collection Drive
- Doorstep Collection²

1 : HDBs and Condominiums
2: Charges may apply



To find out where to recycle E-waste, click [here](#).

Old sports shoes

IMPORTANT: DO NOT PUT SHOES IN BLUE RECYCLING BINS!

RECYCLABLE TYPES OF SHOES



Repair or donate your used shoes as far as possible!



Sport Shoes



School Shoes



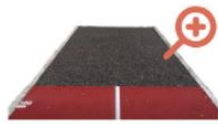
Football Boots
(without metal studs)

DID YOU KNOW?

Used sport shoes can be recycled into rubber granules which could be used for sports infrastructures like jogging tracks, fitness corners and playgrounds!



Playground and
Fitness Corner surfaces



Jogging track



Rubber granules

USED SPORT SHOES COLLECTION POINTS:

These are part of the permanent used shoe collection drive

- ActiveSG Sport Centres
- Decathlon
- Selected Public Parks
- Selected Recreation Clubs
- and More!

FOR MORE INFO, VISIT:



circle.myactivesg.com/
old-shoe-new-future

Clothes

IMPORTANT: DO NOT RECYCLE CLOTHES & TEXTILES IN BLUE RECYCLING BINS!

CLOTHES & TEXTILES



As far as we know, places that collect used clothes & textiles repurpose them instead of recycling



Shirt



Pants



Bedsheets and
blankets

(Ensure that the clothes are in good and clean condition.)



Not all places accept everything. Check with collectors what they accept!



Bags



Curtains

PLACES TO GIVE YOUR CLOTHES A NEW LEASE OF LIFE:

- Doorstep Collection
- Cash-for-Trash
- Tzu Chi
- Greensquare Textile Recycling
- Uniqlo Recycling Box & some other apparel retailers

For more information for Cash-for-Trash, please visit <https://go.gov.sg/recycling-collection-points>

Doorstep collection flyer



For the list of common items that can and cannot be placed in the recycling bins, please refer to the table below:

S/N	Material Type	Item	Items that can be placed in the blue commingled recycling bins	Items that cannot be placed in the blue commingled recycling bins
1	Paper	Printed paper (Glossy and non-glossy)	✓	
2	Paper	Writing paper	✓	
3	Paper	Newspaper	✓	
4	Paper	Flyer (Glossy and non-glossy)	✓	
5	Paper	Brochure (Glossy and non-glossy)	✓	
6	Paper	Magazine (Glossy and non-glossy)	✓	
7	Paper	Book	✓ Donate if it can be reused	
8	Paper	Telephone directory	✓	
9	Paper	Envelope (With and without plastic window)	✓	
10	Paper	Red packet	✓	
11	Paper	Namecard	✓	
12	Paper	Calendar	✓	
13	Paper	Greeting card	✓	
14	Paper	Gift wrapping paper	✓	
15	Paper	Shredded paper	✓	
16	Paper	Paper receipt	✓	
17	Paper	Carton box	✓ Please flatten	

18	Paper	Paper packaging (e.g. printed paper box etc)	✓ Please flatten	
19	Paper	Egg tray	✓	
20	Paper	Beverage carton (e.g. milk, juice and drink packet)	✓ - Please empty and rinse when necessary - Please flatten	
21	Paper	Paper towel and toilet roll tube	✓	
22	Paper	Tissue box	✓ Please flatten	
23	Paper	Paper bag	✓	
24	Paper	Used paper disposables (e.g. paper cup, plate etc)		Dispose as general waste
25	Paper	Tissue paper		Dispose as general waste
26	Paper	Paper towel		Dispose as general waste
27	Paper	Toilet paper		Dispose as general waste
28	Paper	Disposable wooden chopstick		Dispose as general waste
29	Paper	Wax paper		Dispose as general waste
30	Paper	Paper packaging that are contaminated with food		Dispose as general waste
31	Plastic	Plastic bottle/Container - Food or Beverage (e.g. PET, PP or PS bottles/container, carbonated and non-carbonated drinks etc)	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
S/N	Material Type	Item	Items that can be placed in the blue commingled recycling bins	Items that cannot be placed in the blue commingled recycling bins
32	Plastic	Plastic bottle/container - Non-food (e.g. shampoo, bodywash, facial cleanser, detergent etc)	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
33	Plastic	CD and CD casing	✓	
34	Plastic	Plastic bag (except for oxo- and bio-degradable bags, see no.42)	✓	
35	Plastic	Plastic film/flexible packaging (e.g. magazine wrapper, film packaging for packet drinks, bubble wrap etc.)	✓	
36	Plastic	Plastic packaging (e.g. sliced bread bag and egg trays)	✓ Please empty contents	
37	Plastic	Plastic clothes hanger	✓	
38	Plastic	Non-polystyrene foam takeaway food container	✓Please empty and rinse when necessary	
39	Plastic	Polystyrene foam product (e.g. Styrofoam cup, clam shell-container)		Dispose as general waste
40	Plastic	Plastic disposables - cutlery and crockery		Dispose as general waste
41	Plastic	Plastic packaging with foil (e.g. potato chip bags, empty blister pack etc)		Dispose as general waste
42	Plastic	Oxo- and bio-degradable bags		Dispose as general waste
43	Plastic	Drinking straw		Dispose as general waste
44	Plastic	Cassette and video tape		Dispose as general waste

45	Plastic	Plastic packaging contaminated with food		Dispose as general waste
46	Plastic	Melamine products (e.g. Melamine cups, melamine plates etc)		Dispose as general waste
47	Glass	Glass bottle - Beverage (e.g. carbonated drink, beer and wine)	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
48	Glass	Glass bottle - Food (e.g. sauce and condiment bottle, jam spread etc)	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
49	Glass	Glass bottle - Cosmetic	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
50	Glass	Glass bottle - Medicine and supplement	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
51	Glass	Glassware - Cup, plate	✓	
52	Glass	Borosilicate or Pyrex glassware (e.g. bakeware)		Dispose as general waste
53	Glass	Windows		Dispose as general waste
54	Glass	Mirror		Donate if it can be reused
55	Glass	Ceramic product (e.g. ceramic plate, tea pot etc)		Donate if it can be reused
S/N	Material Type	Item	Items that can be placed in the blue commingled recycling bins	Items that cannot be placed in the blue commingled recycling bins
56	Glass	Light bulb		Could be recycled at specific e-waste collection points which can be found on here .
57	Metal	Metal can - Beverage (e.g. carbonated drink, beer etc)	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
58	Metal	Metal can - Food (e.g. biscuit and food tin, canned food)	✓ Please empty and rinse when necessary	
59	Metal	Metal bottle cap	✓	
60	Metal	Aerosol can	✓ Please empty contents	
61	Metal	Clean aluminium tray and foil	✓ Please rinse when necessary	
62	Metal	Metal container - Non-food (e.g. paint container)	✓ Please empty contents	
63	Others	IT accessories (e.g. cable, mouse, keyboard etc)		Could be recycled at specific e-waste collection points which can be found on here
64	Others	Electronic waste (e.g. Used mobile phone, tablet, laptop)		Could be recycled at specific e-waste collection points which can be found on here
65	Others	Rechargable battery		Could be recycled at specific e-waste collection points which can be found on here
66	Others	Household battery		Dispose as general waste

67	Others	Old items which cannot be reused (e.g. clothes, shoes, bag, soft toy, umbrella etc)		Dispose as general waste
68	Others	Old items which can be reused (e.g. clothes, shoes, bag, soft toy, umbrella, spectacle etc)		Donate if it can be reused (Note: old clothes can also be repurposed into cleaning cloths, or damping and insulating materials)
69	Others	Food waste		Dispose as general waste
70	Others	Leftover medicine		Dispose as general waste
71	Others	Diaper and sanitary pad		Dispose as general waste
72	Others	Stationery - Pen and pencil		Donate if it can be reused
73	Others	Plant and horticultural waste		Only for landed estates: bag and place outside your unit on collection days
74	Others	Luggage bag		Donate if it can be reused
75	Others	Bulky waste (e.g. Furniture, standing fan etc)		- Donate if it can be reused - Contact Town council to remove from your residential premises