

## We are here to help

Any questions about household waste or recycling services in Maidstone, please contact us using:

 [recycling@Maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@Maidstone.gov.uk)



## Most residents follow the 5 steps to get their recycling right



# 1

Use the separate weekly food collection service



# 2

Stick to the dry material recycling list

Paper & cardboard, glass bottles & jars, metal food & drinks cans, foil, plastic bottles, tubs, pots & trays & tetrapacks.



# 3

Make sure all bottles, cans and containers are empty



# 4

No plastic bags or nappies in your recycling



# 5

Use a separate garden bin or home compost your garden waste

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If you are unsure about recycling an item, please check with us beforehand.

**Contamination prevents good recycling being recycled and is completely avoidable!**

## **What is contamination?**

It's the wrong materials or items which haven't been emptied or rinsed well enough in your recycling bin.

We can't empty contaminated bins or bins where recycling is in carrier bags or sacks - all recycling must be loose in your green bin.

### **What to do if your bin has not been emptied because it is contaminated:**

- Check what we can recycle  
**[www.maidstone.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/recycling)**  
if it's not listed, remove it from your bin and dispose of it separately
- Remove any food and rinse packaging
- Ensure your recycling is loose in the bin
- Present the bin on your next recycling collection. You can present extra recycling beside your bin in a cardboard box

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### **For more information:**



**[www.maidstone.gov.uk](http://www.maidstone.gov.uk)**



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