

# Roundhill - Reduce Reuse Recycle



**Welcome** to the first edition of Roundhill – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. This pull-out supplement will help you recycle right. **Please, please read it** - even if you think you're already an eco expert - and keep it for future reference. **If you're not recycling right, you're not recycling.**

Most Roundhill residents want to protect the environment and to reduce the amount of waste they send to landfill. After all, we're part of Brighton Pavilion, the only constituency in the country to ever elect a green MP. However, a quick look at the contents of our kerbside recycling boxes and bins tells a different story. Many of us do not know how to **recycle right** and plastics are a particular problem.

This supplement sets out how you can **recycle right** at the kerbside. It also includes other options for recycling more of your household waste. This information is available on the internet, but there's no one place to find it and it can be confusing. So, we've produced this easy to digest guide to help improve how Roundhill recycles. It covers council recycling, volunteer run schemes (**The Green Centre**) and paid schemes (**Magpie**).

## Why is it important to recycle right?



Many of us wish there was less packaging, it was easier to recycle, and the council recycled more of it. Most of us worry about the impact of plastics on our planet. We want change! But right now, it is essential we understand and comply with the current rules - even if we wish they were different. If we don't, we only make things worse.



If you put dirty or inappropriate items into the kerbside or other recycling bins you contaminate the load. Too much contamination (more than 10%) and there's a risk the whole load will be incinerated in Newhaven. And if this happens, recycling was a total waste of time and effort. It also means that the council won't receive recycling credits which results in less money to support recycling services. A lose, lose situation.

**We need to work together** to protect our beautiful city and our planet. Recycling is only part of the story. We also need to reduce the packaging we use and repurpose what we can.

In future editions we will focus on tips and ideas to reduce and reuse our waste.

### Reduce



- Do you really need it?
- Is there an alternative with less packaging?
- Buy fruit & veg from the market or get a box delivered
- Get milk delivered
- Can you bulk buy?
- Can you borrow or share?

### Reuse



- Can you sell it or give it away?
- List it on the **Roundhill Community Notice Board Facebook page, Frengle or Freecycle?**
- Take it to a charity shop
- Can you repurpose it?

### Recycle



- Is your kerbside recycling clean and correct?
- Have you considered other recycling options - **The Green Centre** and **Magpie**?



# Kerbside recycling (bins & black boxes)

**Remember:** We all need to work together. The amount of contamination (dirty or non-recyclable items) allowed is less than 10%. If you recycle the wrong things, then not only will they go to incineration in Newhaven, but they will also take a load of correctly recycled items with them. This is bad for us all.

## Right



### Plastic

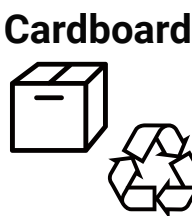
#### Plastic bottles only!

Ask yourself, is it plastic, is it a bottle?  
If your answer is yes and yes, remove the lid, wash it and squash it.



### Paper

Any paper. Envelopes including windows, flyers, newspapers, directories.



### Cardboard

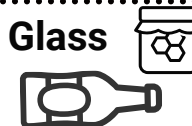
Boxes (remove Sellotape)

Check for recycling symbol on packaging, cut to fit inside the recycling box or bin.



### Metal

Food cans (rinsed)  
Drinks cans  
Empty aerosols



### Glass

Bottles and jars - wash and remove lids.  
Place in a separate box or bin.



### Batteries

In a clear bag on top of or near your box or bin.

## Wrong

**ANYTHING PLASTIC BUT NOT A BOTTLE MUST NOT GO IN THE KERBSIDE OR STREET RECYCLING! Even if it has a recycling symbol. No tubs, no trays, NOTHING.**

If you hate this, petition for change and consider using Magpie.

**NO CARTONS (tetra pack) OR COFFEE CUPS** – they look like cardboard but contain plastic.

Some other cardboard looking packaging has plastic. **IF THERE IS NO RECYCLE SYMBOL IT IS NOT RECYCLABLE.**

No greasy cardboard - such as pizza boxes

No tubes of puree or toothpaste

No metal lids

No random bits of glass

No broken glass

## On street recycling facilities (communal bins)

### Cartons



Cartons (tetra pack) – wash and squash

Our nearest recycling point is at The Level – South End

### Small Electricals



Old and broken small electronic items

Our closest recycling drop off point is Preston Park, Preston Drive entrance. Alternatively take to the local recycling centre.

For more information about kerbside and on street recycling call 01273 292929 or email [cityclean@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:cityclean@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

# Other recycling options

## The Green Centre

**Based in the Open Market on Thursdays**, The Green Centre recycles loads of stuff you can't recycle elsewhere. Melanie and the volunteers who run it are local heroes. They can also provide lots of information on local reduce, reuse and recycling initiatives and other environmental subjects, including sustainable water and sustainable transport. They sell items on their reuse stall and provide a free stall to help avoid throwing away small items.

**The Green Centre accepts a huge range of items listed by category below.** Please comply with the restrictions noted. Product manufacturers support the schemes and make the rules. The Green Centre team are happy to explain the rules, but they can't bend or break them.



### Cleaning Product Packaging

- All brands of plastic triggers from cleaning sprays
- All brands of plastic caps and pumps from home cleaning products including washing up liquid
- All brands and sizes of plastic air fresheners and plastic air freshener cartridges/ refills
- All flexible plastic air care and home care product packaging of any brand (remove cardboard)
- All brands and sizes of flexible wipe packaging (used for home cleaning products)

### Clothes, Textiles & Accessories

- Bags
- Bras
- Bedding – clean only
- Clothes – not wet or excessively ripped
- Jewellery (including broken)
- Shoes
- Textiles (table cloths, tea towels, etc)
- Towels

### School Equipment

- Calculators
- Erasers
- Reading books
- Rulers
- Text books
- Uniforms

### Food Packaging

- Baby food pouches (any brand) & Ella's Kitchen's snack wrappers
- Biscuit and cracker wrappers (any brand)
- Coffee packaging – Kenco only – lids and refill packets
- Corks – not plastic
- Milk bottle tops
- Tassimo pods and packaging & L'OR coffee capsules

### Metal Items

- Aluminium foil (clean only)
- Aluminium including cans (please test with a magnet – aluminium is non-magnetic)
- Brass – including ornaments and fittings
- Copper – including small pieces of pipe/wire
- Coins & notes – British and foreign, old and new
- Keys
- Metal lids & caps from jars and bottles

### Stationery Type Items

- Pens – markers, highlighters, felt tips (working and broken)
- Pencils
- Tippex or other correction fluid
- Elastic and rubber bands
- Postage stamps – must have at least 5mm border around the stamp

### Personal Items

- Asthma inhalers
- Face / beauty wipe packaging (NOT BABY WIPES)
- Glasses
- Hair colourant kits (excluding the rigid plastic bottles & cardboard)
- Hearing aids
- Make-up (new and half used)
- Plastic pots and flexible plastic tubes (from personal care or beauty products)
- Personal care and beauty product packaging, caps, pumps and triggers
- Plastic roll-on deodorants (not aerosols)

### Other Items

- Cooking oil – vegetable, olive and rapeseed (in a jar with the lid secure)
- Cigarette packaging (tobacco pouches and rolling paper, cellophane and silver lining from cigarette boxes, filter packaging).
- Cigarette ash (yes really! Will accept ash and butts in a sealed container)
- CDs and DVDs
- Mobile phones
- Printer cartridges
- Water filters from filter jugs NOT from refrigerators



**The Green Centre** encourages you to: slow down, consume less and share more. Find them online at [www.thegreencentre.co.uk](http://www.thegreencentre.co.uk)

They welcome questions on Thursdays at the Open Market or call 07467 959200

# Other recycling options

## Recycling centres

We have two recycling centres: one in Brighton (off Wilson Avenue BN2 5PA) and another in Hove (off Old Shoreham Road BN3 7AE)

Hove has an onsite shop, so if things are fit for reuse it's better to take them there.

Both recycling centres collect the following items:

### Electrical Items

- TVs, Monitors
- Small electrical items (including mobile phones and hairdryers)
- Large Electrical items (including washing machines and dishwashers)
- Fridges and freezers
- Car batteries
- Energy saving light bulbs
- Fluorescent tube light bulbs

### Other Items

- Vegetable oil
- CDs and DVDs
- Books
- Textiles (including clothes)
- Mattresses

### DIY and garden waste

Household waste only there are some monthly limits – please check the website

- Timber
- MDF/wood composites
- Scrap metal
- Engine oil
- Plasterboard
- Hardcore, rubble, ceramics and soil
- Household hazardous chemicals – in secure containers
- Plasterboard asbestos – (Hove only) please visit website for conditions
- Garden Waste



Both centres collect standard household recycling items. Remember, **the only plastic accepted is bottles**. Detailed information is available on the council website.

[www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/environment/recycling-rubbish-and-street-cleaning/recycling-centres](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/content/environment/recycling-rubbish-and-street-cleaning/recycling-centres)

## Magpie Co-operative

**Magpie** is a co-operative and offers recycling options which complement the Council's kerbside recycling. It is a great option if you want to recycle more of your plastic waste.

Magpie recycles everything it collects locally.

It is a paid service, but offers good value. You can choose between an **opt-in** ad-hoc collection (£1.59 per bag) or a weekly **green box** collection (where available) £20 per quarter.

### Magpie collect:

- Plastic – plastics marked 1-5 as well as yoghurt pots marked 6. This includes bottles, take away trays, fruit punnets, shampoo bottles and other plastic.
- Paper
- Cardboard
- Cans
- Glass
- Clean unwanted clothes, bags and clothes
- Cartons (tetra packs)

For more information contact **Magpie** on 01273 684425 or visit [www.magpie.coop](http://www.magpie.coop)

