

RECYCLE MORE FROM HOME!

Major Changes to Nottingham's Recycling Scheme • Effective June 2026

Nottingham City Council has rolled out an exciting expansion to household recycling bins **ahead of national targets!** You can now recycle many more everyday items directly from home. All items should be placed **empty, clean, and loose** inside your standard recycling bin.

1. PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPPING

- Supermarket carrier bags & bags for life
- Bread, bagel, cereal, pasta & rice bags
- Fresh fruit, vegetable & salad bags
- Crisp packets & confectionery wrappers
- Multipack shrink-wrap (e.g. toilet rolls)
- Cling film & bubble wrap
- Magazine & mailer plastic wrapping

2. FOOD & DRINK CARTONS


- Juice, milk & plant-based milk cartons
- Soup, broth & passata cartons
- Chopped tomato cartons
- Laundry detergent cartons
- *Please squash cartons flat to save space in your bin!*

3. FOIL ITEMS

- Clean, loose aluminium kitchen foil
- Foil oven trays (ready meals/ baking)
- Takeaway foil containers & boxes
- Pie, tart & quiche tins
- Empty aluminium tubes (e.g. tomato purée)

Top Recycling Tips for Success

- **The Tennis Ball Trick:** To prevent small pieces of foil from falling through the sorting machines, scrunch clean foil together into a ball roughly the size of a tennis ball before recycling.
- **Keep it Loose:** Do not bundle your plastic bags inside another plastic bag. Place everything loose in the bin.
- **Clean and Dry:** Quick rinse out any food residue to avoid contaminating paper and cardboard in the same bin.

 **What STILL belongs in General Waste?** Certain materials cannot be processed yet. Please continue to place food pouches/sachets, compostable or biodegradable packaging, and pill blister packs into your standard general waste bin.

For full guidelines, bin collection schedules, or to download the Nottingham Recyclopedia app, visit:

[Go to Nottingham City Council Waste Services](#)