

## Recycling?

In this month's Eco Church article the Green Team, which consists of Elizabeth Scharinger, Teresa Bacon and Paula Walsh, are continuing to support your Eco journey by focusing on Recycling.

Don't forget, if you want any more information at any time, please do reach out to the Green Team and they will be very happy to help.

Recycling more of the right things can help save money, as well as our planet. It is tempting to recycle everything but not everything can be. When non-recyclable items are placed in your recycling bin it's known as 'wish-cycling'. This is an issue as it ruins the rest of the recycling inside the collection truck and costs a lot of money to sort out. It's also really damaging for the environment.



In Surrey we can recycle:

- Paper and cardboard – office paper, card, catalogues, brochures, magazines, newspapers, wrapping paper and cards (without glitter/foil/plastic), envelopes.
- Place shredded paper waste in a paper bag, envelope or cardboard box and seal it up before putting it in your recycling bin. Alternatively, you can put the shredded paper into your home garden compost bin. Aim for a 50:50 mix of "green" materials (e.g. fruit and veg waste) and "brown" materials (e.g. leaves, shredded paper and prunings).
- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays – including detergent bottles, yoghurt pots, ready meal trays and ice cream tubs
- Metal food tins, and drinks cans
- Aluminium trays and foil
- Glass bottles and jars

Remember that all your recycling should be placed in your bin clean, dry and loose.

### No food or drink

Cardboard and paper that is full of moisture or grease (e.g. empty pizza boxes) ruins all cardboard and paper in your bin and makes everything unrecyclable – so put this in your refuse bin.

Give plastic food and drink packaging a quick rinse before placing in your recycling bin.

Surrey County Council have put together a downloadable list, which you can refer to when you're next throwing things away. To avoid wish-cycling always "check before you chuck" using the "Surrey Recycles" search tool [Surrey Environment Partnership - What to do with an item](#). It's a quick and easy way to ensure you are putting the right things in your bin.

It is also available as a free app for iPhone and Android.



### Recycling in Surrey 2023 to 2024

54.10% of household waste in Surrey was recycled, reused or composted in 2023 to 2024.

### Psalm 24:1

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it

**John 1:3** All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made

**Philippians 2:4** Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others