

Transcript for Ansa Waste a Minute Series Four

Alison: Lisa did you download the Waste Watchers app since last we last spoke?

Lisa: Yes I did Alison. It's here on my phone. Really informative, keeps you up-to-date with all the news that is going on with waste and recycling and Ansa. I did, however read about the rate of contamination and how it's increased since lockdown began.

Alison: Yes, that's unfortunately the case and in our last video, we reminded residents of the BIG 5 items that you can put in your silver recycling bin: Glass, Soft Plastics, Paper, Cardboard and Aluminium. We talked a bit more about some typical soft plastic exceptions that you can't recycle. Today we are going to cover in more detail Bonded plastics and Hard Plastics. Over to you Lisa!

Lisa: Thanks Alison. What are bonded plastics? And why do we treat them differently? Well these are items such as chocolate wrappers and crisp packets, where the plastic is fused with the foil inners and cannot be separated during the recycling process. However you can check if your local school is collecting crisp packets for recycling, but if not, chocolate wrappers and crisp packets need to go in your black general waste bin.

On the plus side there are some bonded plastics that can easily be separated during the recycling process. The most common example of this is your typical orange juice cartons, long life milk cartons, custard cartons and so on. This is where the cardboard can be soaked away from both the foil inner and the plastic pourer. So all foil lined cardboard cartons can be put in your silver recycling bin. What about hard plastics Alison?

Alison: Plastics that cannot be put in your recycling are Hard Plastics. Hard plastic items such as Rigid Plant Pots, washing up bowls, plastic watering cans and re-useable drinks cups.

Lisa shows an Ansa branded reusable cup.

Alison continued: At this point we just want to give a shout out to our fabulous lads and ladies who have continued to collect and empty all our household waste throughout the pandemic they are absolute heroes. Did you know our colleagues have to sift through all our recycling bins manually when it is delivered to the Middlewich Environmental Hub?

Well Lisa here will give you a small idea of some of the items our team have pulled out in the last month: Lisa:

- Incontinence Pad (ugh)
- Dirty nappies
- Colander
- Plastic Kettle
- Trainers
- Clothing and Dirty duvets

Alison: Ugh! So spare a thought for our key worker heroes before you place things in your recycling bin and remember 'if in doubt, leave it out!' Thanks for listening.