

Alison: Good morning Lise, how are you?

Lisa: I am absolutely fine Alison, it's lovely to see you again.

Lisa: So what are we talking about today?

Alison:

Well we are onto Metals now of the big 5 that you can put into your silver Recycling bin at Cheshire East. Just to remind everybody about the big five - we've got a paper, cardboard, glass, plastic and metals that you can put in your silver recycling bin. So yes we're going to concentrate on metals today. Have you had any things recently that you're unsure of?

Lisa: Well I know the basic ones that I talk about in my talks, such as the tins of beans and metal cans like a can of coke and that sort of thing but the other day I burnt my frying pan and I was a little bit confused and I thought well what do I do with that. It is metal but can I put it in my recycling bin and also I was cleaning out my car and I wondered about car oilcan. So what can I do with things like that?

Alison: Basically the Recycling Plant say no to large metal items in your domestic silver recycling bin and so avoid anything like car oil cans or catering size cooking oil cans. I think you have also got to think about contamination because everything that we recycle should be rinsed so there's no food contamination on. Obviously oil is one of those it's very difficult to rinse out.

To keep it simple, the general rule is any large metal items they need to go to your local Household Waste Recycling Centre okay.

Lisa: That's great. How about batteries and electricals and gas canisters and things like that?

Alison: Right well that is more of a safety thing. Gas canisters and waste electricals, these can cause fires either in the waste waggons that collect your waste or fires can occur at the recycling plant or the waste transfer station. So gas canisters, batteries please not in your recycling bin. Anywhere that sells batteries should have facilities for you to return your back used batteries. They do have a separate site at the waste recycling plant, where you can take any broken electrical goods.

Lisa: Wow that's really useful Alison, thank you. Now I was feeding my cats the other day. What about cat pouches, what do I do with those?

Alison: Well that's a good one. A lot of people are confused over that. That's actually classed as bonded product - plastic on the outside bonded with the metal lining so actually, unfortunately pouches are an absolute no no. They need to go in your black general waste bin or perhaps you could look up and find out about a local recycling arrangement with some somebody like TerraCycle.

Lisa: Yes I have heard about TerraCycle. That's where you collect your pouches isn't it and you find a participating store and you take them in and you get what's called TerraCycle points, that then get converted. You can donate those funds to local school or a charity.

Alison: As far as pet food is concerned really the only ones that you can recycle are the foil trays and the aluminium pet food cans. The same applies for baby food baby food pouches, you can't recycle those.

Lisa: Okay right, well that's wonderful. I've learned loads today. It's all on the Waste Watchers app isn't it?

Alison: Yeah, if you've got any further queries about what can and can't be recycled of the big 5. If you if you're not sure about certain items, there is an A-Z on the Waste Watchers app and you can look up particular items and find out whether or not they can go in your silver recycling bin.

Lisa: Oh that's wonderful.

Alison: That's it from us today on metal recycling and thank you for joining us and happy recycling!

Lisa: Thank you.

Alison: Bye

Lisa: Goodbye.