

Transcript for Ansa Waste a Minute Series Four

Alison: 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.

Crisp packets can be taken to supermarkets for recycling. Your local school may also collect them.

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: Well hard plastics items cannot go into your recycling bin and ideally need to go the household waste recycling centre. These are items such as rigid plant pots, washing up bowls, plastic watering cans and re-useable drinks cups. 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: Thank you Alison. Here you go. The first one I am going to show you is an incontinence pad. These can be linked in with dirty nappies, sanitary towels and yucky things like that. Absolutely awful. We have also got clothes, we have had clothes in there that are ripped and stained. We have a kettle in there. Due to the nature of how it's made and the products on it needed to go the household waste recycling centre not actually in the recycling bin. We have also had plastic, metal colanders. The last thing that I've got, we found a trainer. A horrible old trainer, which was yuck.

Alison: Remember 'if in doubt, leave it out!' Thanks for listening and look out for our next video.