

Ansa environmental services would like to thank Cheshire East residents for their Supreme efforts to reduce the contamination rates in the recycling that increased as a result of the Pandemic. This is now having a positive effect on the silver bin collections.

I wanted to share with you a few of the most common recycling mistakes that are made in Cheshire East that you may or may not already know.

So as it stands now the worst contamination offenders are building materials, scrap metal, toys, food. please tell your friends and family that none of these can go in the silver recycling bin as it contaminates your recycling.

Clothes and shoes are also a common recycling mistake. They can be take to charity shops, offered on community recycling apps or taken to textile banks on public car parks and near to supermarkets. As a last resort, they can go in your black household waste bin.

Another few items that crop up regularly are things such as cracked Pyrex dishes. It may be glass but is a serious contaminate for the silver recycling bin because it melts at a different temperature and has different chemical properties. Broken window glass and drinking glasses such as tumblers also cannot go in the silver recycling bin but need to be wrapped in paper and put in the black waste bin.

Two other most common mistakes are with aluminium pet food pouches – this is a thin layer of aluminium bonded with plastic (black bin please)! Another is yoghurt pot lids – but not all are bad so how do you tell? If you bend the yoghurt pot lid and it stays bent, it is pure aluminium. (silver bin please)! If you bend the yoghurt pot lid and it is flexible and doesn't stay bent, it is bonded with plastic (black bin please)!

You can take rinsed pet food pouches to some supermarkets.

Sticky tape and address stickers on packaging boxes is okay as long as it is not profuse. It is helpful if you can remove the plastic envelopes stuck on containing documents.

And don't forget please don't bin batteries as these present a very real hazard for the staff that work in the waste transfer stations and recycling centres as they cause fires.

So I hope there is something in that summary that has been helpful and thanks for listening!