

Transcript for Ansa Waste a Minute Series Two

Alison:

Hi there, 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 Alluminium. Today we are going to attempt to remove some of the confusion surrounding which plastics can be recycled. So Lisa is going to take us through some of the popular plastic packaging items that end up in our bins.

Lisa:

Thanks Alison, yes the first thing to remember is that it needs to be soft plastics.

Now I have brought some examples along with me here. We have our old faithful plastic water bottle absolutely fine for the silver bin. Lids on or off doesn't matter. The plastic lids are slightly harder but they bend so it is still classed as malleable which is great.

Another couple of bottles I have here are a little bit stiffer plastic but again they can still be squeezed so they are still classed as malleable so they can go in your silver bin. Yoghurt pots – doesn't matter what colour the plastic, as long as it is soft it can still go in the silver bin. Packaging like your regular fruit and veg bags, film and things like that can all go in. Not a problem at all.

Even though crisp packets themselves can't go in, the actual outer packaging can because that is all plastic and recyclable material. Carrier bags, again absolutely fine to go in if they are ripped etc. Please keep the handles open "leave it loose" so we can see what's in the bag there and a couple of unusual items that fall in the grey area. I've got a play ball here which again you can see it is squeazy so that can go in and when my cat was ill, (holds up a plastic cone) he is better now so that can go in as it is soft plastic. Anything soft, anything malleable always in the silver bin Alison.

Alison:

Over the next few videos we will cover some plastic exceptions such as bonded plastics and food contamination, but for now we want you to remember, plastics that can be recycled are soft, malleable plastics but **IF IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!**