

## HDC Press Release

# You can now recycle your plastic pots, tubs and trays

In the UK, householders use around 1.5 million tonnes of plastic packaging every year, and, until now, much of this ended up in landfill. Huntingdonshire District Council are pleased to announce that everything from yogurt pots and margarine tubs to shampoo and milk bottles can now be recycled as part of your kerbside collection.

Huntingdonshire residents are among some of the top recyclers in the country, with 57 per cent of our waste being sent for recycling. This is a great achievement and the council really appreciates all the efforts residents make to sort their waste.

As well as further increasing the District Councils recycling rate, the introduction of other types of plastics will be a welcomed addition to the recycling scheme. Accepting more plastics will help to remove any uncertainty over which plastics can be recycled.

Below is a full list of which plastics can now be collected as part of your recycling –

### Plastics – YES please!

- ✓ Plastic bottles of all types
- ✓ Yoghurt pots
- ✓ Margarine or spread tubs
- ✓ Ice cream tubs
- ✓ Trays from chocolate and biscuit boxes
- ✓ Trays from meat, vegetables and fruit
- ✓ Clean plant pots
- ✓ Bottle tops, lids and triggers
- ✓ Sandwich packets
- ✓ Cream and custard pots
- ✓ Soup pots

- ✓ Instant Noodle pots
- ✓ Tubs for dishwasher and laundry tablets

### NO thanks

- ✗ Hard plastic items e.g. toys, washing-up bowls, storage boxes etc...
- ✗ Plastic film or wrapping
- ✗ Plastic bags or black sacks
- ✗ Expanded polystyrene
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Food Waste
- ✗ Shredded paper

### Top Tips for easy recycling of your plastics

- Place all the plastic packaging in the blue bin with your plastic bottles. Make sure there are no plastic films, bags or black bags.

- Remember, you can include plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles from around the house – not just the kitchen.
- Please rinse your containers out with used dishwater before recycling, to prevent food contaminating the other materials.

Councilor Darren Tysoe, whose executive responsibilities include the Environment, said: “We have been keen to expand our recycling service to include more plastics for some time, as have our residents. We are very pleased that the markets for mixed plastics have grown and enabled us to make this enhancement, and hope that they continue to develop so that recycling a wide range of plastics becomes as commonplace as recycling cans or paper”

For more information what other materials are collected, visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin)

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