

Lowdham Sustainability Group

Recycling Our Rubbish in Lowdham (Draft report)

The Hub recently went to a talk by Lesley Taylor from Veolia about what you can recycle and what you can't. From what Lesley said, here are two lists: 1. What you **can** put in your **recycling (grey) bin** and 2. What you have to put in your **general waste (green) bin**. Our comments are below the two lists.

1. Recycling Bin

Spray cans
Cleaning spray bottles
Cleaning product bottles
Yoghurt pots
Food cans (or tins)
Drinks cans.
Greetings cards
Shampoo bottles
Shower gel bottles
Egg boxes.
Paper catalogues
Newspapers
Magazines
Junk mail
Cardboard and paper packaging
Cereal boxes
Toilet roll tubes
Kitchen roll tubes
Margarine and butter tubs
Washing powder boxes

2. General Waste Bin

Baby wipe packets
Pizza takeaway boxes
Plastic food trays
Plastic plant pots
Fruit punnets
Pet food sachets
Juice cartons (tetrapaks)
Cooked Rice packets
Trigger spray heads
Shredded paper
Food tin lids
Aerosol cans
Margarine and butter lids
Thin carrier bags
Crisp packets
Aluminium (foil) food trays
Glass bottles
Chocolate wrappers
CD cases
Coat hangers
Clothes (v)
Metal trays
Polystyrene
Nappies

Long lists aren't they? Sorry.

Comments

Newark and Sherwood District Council collects our rubbish. Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is responsible for sorting the recycling from the rubbish. NCC has contracted Veolia to do the sorting. Veolia sells on all the stuff that can be recycled. Veolia is a huge company with many fingers in many pies in many countries.

It can be dangerous to open spray cans. They can explode.

You can now leave the lids on cleaning spray bottles, shampoo, conditioner and shower gel bottles and plastic sauce bottles when you recycle them.

Pizza takeaway boxes can't be recycled because they are (almost) always contaminated with food.

Some plastic food trays and some fruit trays are made of inferior plastic and some of good quality plastic. Veolia can't distinguish the good from the bad and so they are all rejected and should be put in your general waste bin.

By juice cartons, we mean tetrapaks. These are made of plastic, cardboard and aluminium bonded together. (We believe that some other makes, not tetrapaks, leave out the aluminium.) Veolia can't separate the plastic, cardboard and aluminium so they go in your general waste bin.

However, they can be put in a special tetrapak bank, for recycling, at the leisure centre car park, Nottingham Road, Southwell. If anybody wants to do this, but can't get to Southwell, get in touch and we'll sort it. Please wash out the tetrapaks and collapse them.

Shredded paper can't be recycled because the fibres in the paper are damaged. It can be put in your compost bin (or heap) if you have one.

Veolia want aluminium (foil) in your general waste bin. However, we think that foil food trays, barbecue trays, Indian and Chinese foil takeaway trays, tops from the bottles delivered by the milkman, aluminium screw top lids from bottles, wrappers from chocolate - all these should be recycled. Wash food from these containers. Then scrunch them up in a ball, the bigger the better. It can be taken to Calverton Recycling Centre, 3, Hollinwood Lane, NG14 6NR. When you have one ball of aluminium or several, get in touch and we'll take a carbootfull to Calverton.

Clothes can be left in the clothes bank at the Co-op

Also, the Co-op will give you a big yellow plastic bag for thin plastic shopping bags and single use plastic. (Wash any food off it.) You take it back when it is full. Well done the Co-op! Other supermarkets have similar schemes.

At the moment glass bottles and jars can be put in the bottle banks at the village hall. Later this year NSDC plan to deliver small wheelie bins for glass. These will be emptied every 8 weeks.

We all want to recycle and we all want to recycle better. Can we make Lowdham the champion recycling village of the world?! And then have a party to celebrate! (And recycle the bottles afterwards.)

Any problems and any queries? Get back to us.

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You can use the recyclenow.com website for information about local recycling facilities.