

Here's the guidance from Derbyshire County Council as issued to their staff:

Plastic guidance sheet

What can I put in the plastic bank?

This is a question we are asked a lot! It is difficult to list every single type of plastic container, there are just too many.

So here is a guide;

We have now extended the range of plastics we can collect to include id numbers 1, 2, 5 and 6.

They are as follows,

Type 1 polyethylene terephthalate (PET) - includes fizzy drink bottles and oven ready meal trays.

Type 2 high-density polyethylene (HDPE) - includes bottles for milk and washing up liquids.

Type 5 polypropylene (PP) - includes margarine tubs, microwaveable meal trays.

Type 6 polystyrene (PS) - yogurt pots, foam meat or fish trays, hamburger boxes and egg cartons, vending cups, plastic cutlery, protective packaging for electronic goods and toys.

Small plant pots are acceptable they have to be the right size to be able to be sucked up in the machine and not get stuck in the hose.

If there is no plastic ID on the item, the general rule, "plastic bottles" should be followed. This is because most plastic bottles are type 1 or 2, so you can be fairly certain that your plastic bottle will be acceptable.

Any of the items described above can be recycled regardless of whether it has been recycled previously, that's the great thing about recycling!

List of unacceptable items

We do not accept;

Plastic type 3, 4 and 7.

Plastic toys

Plastic bags

Cling film or bubble wrap

Non plastic items

Video cassettes

Drain pipe

Any items that do not fit through the round opening in the bank as these damage our machinery.