

Codes identify materials.

They do not guarantee that a local collection service accepts every product format. Use the code, object type and local rule together.



1 PET

Polyethylene terephthalate

Bottles, jars and some trays. Deposit bottles may use a separate return route.

2 HDPE

High-density polyethylene

Bottles, containers and durable items. Product format still matters.

5 PP

Polypropylene

Tubs, caps, takeaway containers and many non-packaging products.

PAP 20

Corrugated fibreboard

Shipping boxes and corrugated inserts; look for the fluted inner layer.

PAP 21

Paperboard

Solid non-corrugated cartons such as cereal boxes.

PAP 22

Paper

Paper bags, wrapping and other paper packaging.

FE 40

Steel or tinplate

Food cans, closures and some aerosols; hazardous contents change the route.

ALU 41

Aluminium

Cans, foil, trays and closures. Marked cans may carry a deposit.

GL 70

Clear glass

Container glass only; drinking glass, mirrors and ceramics are different.

WEEE

Crossed-out wheeled bin

Keep electrical and electronic equipment out of unsorted household waste.

BAT

Crossed-out battery bin

Use dedicated battery collection; never place lithium batteries in mixed recycling.

C/PAP

Paper/plastic/aluminium composite

Common on beverage cartons; follow the local composite-packaging route.