

A-Z of recyclable materials

and where to recycle them

Material	Further Information
Aerosol cans	● Empty uncrushed aluminium and steels cans can be recycled. Please do not pierce.
Aluminium foil	● Clean foil trays and wrapping can be recycled. Important: This does not include crisps packets or pet food pouches.
Batteries - large e.g. car	● Must be complete and undamaged.
Batteries - household	● These must be placed in a clear plastic bag on top of the lid of your blue recycling bin. Batteries should not be placed within the bin. Most supermarkets will have battery drop facility.
Bicycles	● This can be recycled as scrap if not in working order, or re-used.
Books	● Paperback and Hardback are accepted.
Bric a brac	● Must be in good condition as these are collected for re-use.
Building Materials	● See 'Rubble/Hardcore'
Cans	● Clean food, drink and pet food cans can be recycled.
Cardboard (small)	● This includes cereal boxes, shoe boxes, small sized corrugated cardboard, or egg boxes. Please remove any plastic or polystyrene packaging.
Cardboard (large)	● This includes large cardboard which cannot fit into your recycling bin, such as: large electrical items boxes, furniture boxes, large corrugated cardboard. Please remove plastic or polystyrene packaging. Only cardboard less than one metre squared can be put by your blue recycling bin for collection.
Carpets	● Is accepted but is currently not recycled.
Cartons	● For example clean milk, passata or juice cartons.
Catalogues	● These can be recycled.
CD's and DVD's	● Must be in good condition as they are collected for reuse.
Christmas trees (real)	Collected by the council. When and how is decided annually.

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Cooking oil	● Please take oil to Summers Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre in a sealed container and empty into the appropriate container.
Egg cartons	●● Cardboard egg cartons can be recycled.
Electrical items (small)	● This includes blenders and mixers, hairdryers, hair straighteners, irons, small vacuum cleaners, stereo and audio equipment, toasters and video and DVD players. Please ensure these are removed from any packaging.
Electrical items (large)	● This includes computers, dishwashers, fridges and freezers (empty), large vacuum cleaners, lawnmowers, microwave ovens, televisions, washing machines and tumble dryers. Please ensure these are removed from any packaging.
Engine oil	● Please take oil to Summers Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre in a sealed container and empty into the appropriate containers.
Foil	●● This includes food trays, takeaway containers and milk bottle tops. Please make sure that all foil has been washed clean.
Furniture (domestic)	● For information on furniture re-use schemes visit the furniture re-use page on the council website. This includes furniture made from MDF or chipboard. Separate sheets of MDF and chipboard, or broken furniture, are accepted at the Summers Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre.
Garden waste	●● This includes leaves, grass cuttings, hedge clippings and small branches. No garden waste in plastic bags. Branches up to 20cm (8inches) in diameter, and up to 60cm (24inches) in length, can be placed in your green garden waste bin. Tree trunks and thicker branches can be accepted at the Summers Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre.
Gas bottles	● Undamaged bottles only.
Glass bottles and jars	●● Please make sure they are clean from food waste. Plastic and metal lids can be placed in your blue recycling bin separately for recycling.
Glasses (spectacles)	● Reading/vision glasses only. Not drinking glasses. No cases.
Hard plastics	● Hard plastics (which includes garden furniture, children's toys, storage boxes) are accepted at the Summers Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre.

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Light bulbs	● Energy efficient light bulbs, LED bulbs and fluorescent tubes only. Please remove tubes from any light fittings.
Mobile phones	● Please remove SIM cards. Unwanted mobile phones can also be taken to some charities and mobile phone retailers.
Newspapers	●● All newspapers can be recycled.
Paint	● We accept emulsion, gloss, eggshell, undercoat, primer, masonry and exterior paints.
Paper and books	●● This includes hardback and paperback books, newspapers, printer paper, magazines, catalogues, greeting cards, paper wrapping, telephone directories, junk mail, shredded paper (loose) and envelopes (including window envelopes and staples are acceptable).
Plasterboard	● This must be separate from other waste as it contains gypsum.
Plastics packaging and plastic bottles	●● This includes plastic bottles, disposable plastic cups, food trays, fruit punnets, pots and margarine tubs. No plastic wrapping, cling film or polystyrene - these go in the black bin.
Plastic bags	Many supermarkets have bag recycling points. These cannot be placed in your blue recycling bin.
Rubble/Hardcore	● Only six rubble bags, once per mon per household are accepted from work that you have done yourself in your own home. The site is not licensed to accept commercial waste. If you wish to take a van to the site you will need to make an appointment. We do not accept asbestos, buckets or other building materials.
Scrap metal	● No pressurised containers such as gas bottles or fire extinguishers.
Shoes and textiles	● This includes blankets, bedding materials, clothes, fabrics and shoes (tied together in pairs) - duvets, sleeping bags and pillows cannot be recycled. If you cannot take your textiles at Summers Lane Refuse and Recycling Centre please contact the council on: 0208 359 4600 to arrange a special collection.
Toner/printer cartridges	● These can be taken to Summers Lane Reuse and Recycling Centre.
Tools	● Non electrical, in working order and safe for refuse. If not in working order but metal, treat as scrap metal.

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Tyres	● These can only be accepted if separated from the metal wheel and rim.
Vinyl records	● Must be in good condition as they are collected for reuse.
Wrapping paper	●● Any with foil or glitter cannot be placed in your blue recycling bin
Wood/timber	● Please remove all brackets and fittings.
Yoghurt pots	● Please clean these before they are recycled.

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Barnet Furniture Centre offer a FREE collection service for any reusable **household furniture, household electricals, white goods, homeware, bric-a-brac, glassware and crockery**. To arrange a FREE collection please call 020 8361 6802. This is a non-profit charitable organisation, you can also go to be second-hand goods. You can find it at: 4 Queens Parade Close, Friern Barnet, London, N11 3FY.

Kith and Kids collect furniture from the EN4, EN5, N11, N14, N12, N2 & N3 postcode areas in Barnet. There is no collection charge but **furniture must be in saleable condition** and **electrical goods must be in working order**. For more information, please contact: 020 8880 9034.

Emmaus is a registered St Albans based homelessness charity who collect donated **furniture, books, bric-a-brac, and white goods**. They are happy to accept most household items but there are some exceptions for either legal or practical reasons, this includes soft furnishings without a fire label, safety items, baby equipment or any item that is not in a saleable condition. The donated items are available for sale at the following shop in Barnet: 11 High Street, Barnet, London, EN5 5UJ.

Grahame Park Estate residents can get a free home collection service of unwanted **household items**. Groundwork London is working to improve the estate environment, **promote reuse, and reduce waste and fly-tipping** at Grahame Park with a repurpose initiative called **The Loop @ Grahame Park**. More information on the scheme and what can be collected can be found online. You can also email: theloopgrahamepark@groundwork.org.uk or call: 07981 140 926 for more information.