

Create Your Own Table Top Recycling Game

Learning through play

Use this game to test recycling knowledge and create discussion in a fun way. It is great activity for all ages to use at an event, in the classroom, etc. Give a prize for those who get them all correct!

Encourage people to see if they can find the 5 things in the pile of recycling that shouldn't be there, as cannot be recycled in the clear sack. Give a prize to those who are correct.



You will need:

- Large piece of cardboard or thin MDF
- 2 clear recycling sacks
- Glue gun
- Newspaper
- Magazine
- Birthday cards
- Window envelope
- Cereal box
- Food can, e.g. empty baked bean tin
- Empty fizzy drink can
- Foil tray, e.g. Pie tray
- Plastic milk carton
- Plastic shampoo bottle
- Plastic food tray, e.g. strawberry punnet, yoghurt pot
- Black plastic tub
- Bottle tops / lids
- Empty aerosol can
- Old sock
- Disposable nappy
- Plastic piece of fruit
- Carrier bag
- Empty crisp packets



1. Collect all of the items together



2. Cover the board with the clear sacks and glue down.



3. Glue down the rest of the items.

**Free game
and
win a prize!**



**Can you find
5 things that
cannot
be recycled in the
clear recycling
sack?**

THE ANSWERS :

5 things you cannot recycle in a clear recycling sack



The apple

It can be recycled, but not in the clear sack. All food waste goes in the green wheeled bin. This also helps to stop rats and foxes ripping open the bin bags.

The disposable nappy

Black bin bag please. Nappies cannot be recycled!

Old sock

This can be recycled but not in the clear sack. Since 2015 clothes can no longer be recycled in the recycling sack as we are unable to reach the industry standards required. Please take to the charity shop. If very low quality then they can be placed in the black bin bag.

Carrier bags

These get tangled in the Recycling Factory machinery, so please do not place in the clear recycling sack. Please recycle at the supermarket drop off points.

Crisp packets

‘Scrunchy plastic’ such as crisp packets, biscuit wrappers and sweetie wrapper. cannot be recycled in the clear sack. Black bin bag please. (alternatively some charities collect them to fundraise. Search on-line for ‘Terracycle’ to find out more.

Things that worry people that CAN be recycled



✓ **Black Plastic**

Yes, here in MK we can recycle black plastic in the clear recycling sack – don't always believe the media!

✓ **Lids**

Metal and plastic lids can be placed in the recycling sack, either on or off of the bottle.

✓ **Aerosols**, e.g. deodorant, hair spray, squirty cream cans, etc.

These can be recycled as long as the spray can is empty they can be recycled in the recycling sack.

✓ **Windowed envelopes**

No need to cut out the window any longer. Manufacturers have now made the envelope windows recyclable.

✓ **Plastic tubs**

These can be recycled since 2009 in MK.

✓ **Birthday cards, wrapping paper**

These can be recycled, just avoid glitter and foil content.