

# All you need to know about recycling plastics in MK

## What plastics go in the clear recycling sack?

Plastic bottles, milk bottles, shampoo containers and cleaning products. Plastic tubs including fruit punnets, yoghurt pots, meat trays, bleach bottles, triggers and pumps accepted too.



## Lid on or lid off?

If possible, lid back on helps to ensure the lid is recycled. We do also accept lids separately. Wash, squash - rinse to remove any food or drink residue, squash so you can fit more in your clear sack.

## Do I have to rinse the bottle out?

Plastic must be cleaned before recycling, so you are helping reduce the amount of cleansing done by the recycling facility. It keeps down smells from your clear sack which might attract animals to rip open your clear sack.

## Can I recycle crisp packets?

These are classified as 'soft plastics' and can be recycled at your local supermarket soft plastic recycling drop off area, along with plastic carrier bags, bread bags and pet food pouches, etc.



## What happens to the plastic bottles and tubs I put in the clear recycling sack?

The sacks go to a recycling facility where the contents are separated by material types. This is sent onto factories to be recycled. Plastic is flaked into small pieces, then washed, dried, and melted. Plastic bottles can be recycled into more bottles, traffic cones, wheeled bins, guttering, fluff in duvets. Plastic food tubs and yoghurt pots can be recycled into a plastic board to be turned into products such as picnic tables or pig sties.

For a comprehensive list of what can be recycled visit:

[www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-recycles-a-to-z](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-recycles-a-to-z)