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Recycling and waste news

for the Horsham District

Where does my recycling go?

We're pleased to see the profile of recycling being raised by BBC programme [War on Plastic with Hugh and Anita](#). West Sussex Recycles have shared the following information about where recycling goes in Horsham District:



"Recycling collected in West Sussex is delivered to a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) in Ford. The facility is one of the most technologically advanced MRFs in the country and is operated by Viridor (a founding member of the UK Plastics Pact) on behalf of West Sussex County Council, diverting over 71,000 tonnes of recycling from waste each year.

The mainly automated MRF sorts and separates all the recyclables - such as paper, cardboard, glass, plastics, aluminium cans and tin cans - into individual high quality, valuable materials which are baled, ready for manufacturing into new goods and products.

Viridor has a robust system of traceability with regard to its supply chain and receives accreditation from the companies it works with, demonstrating reprocessing has taken place."

Find out more about the MRF on the [West Sussex Recycles website](#).

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Three plastic items you can put in your recycling bin

Recycling rules vary across local authorities. We are happy to confirm that we can recycle the following:

- Black and clear plastic pots, tubs and trays
- Plastic lids from tubs and jars, as long as they are taken off the container and placed in your bin loose
- Empty blister packs from medication



[More information on plastics](#)

Why we need you to wash out your containers

Everything that goes in your recycling bin should be clean and free of food waste.

Food contamination can seriously affect how much we can recycle. For example:

- A single pizza slice left in a box can see a whole bale of paper and card rejected
- Jars and bottles that aren't washed properly can be sent through for processing as coloured plastic instead of clear, which can causes problems further down the line
- Any drinks bottles with the caps screwed on cannot be processed - the caps need to be removed and disposed of in your household waste bin as they are too small to recycle



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