


What happens to my recycling?





Your recycling is collected from the kerb by a dedicated recycling truck and travels to the recycling facility, where it passes through a series of manual and mechanical sorting processes.

At the beginning of the sorting process, workers attempt to manually remove potentially harmful items such as gas bottles, or items that are not suitable for recycling such as disposable nappies, garden waste or electronics.

The items then travel through several machines that sort the items by size and material type. By the end of the journey, the items have been grouped by material type and are put into bales, ready for sale and reprocessing.

This is very different from what happens to the waste in your rubbish bin, which goes to landfill. After your rubbish bin is collected, it is taken to a Council facility to be crushed and compacted as much as possible. Compacting materials helps to reduce the size of the waste and prolong the space and life of the landfill. After the rubbish has been compacted, it is loaded into large semi-trailers and taken to the landfill site for disposal.