

## **Simpler Recycling**

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Simpler Recycling is legislation that has been introduced in England to reform business bin collections. It aims to increase recycling rates by:

- Standardising and simplifying what is collected for recycling across England.
- Removing recycling material from general waste so it can be collected separately for recycling.
- Reducing contamination in recycling bins.

With immediate effect, we must all (*owners and staff*), separate recyclable materials from general waste and place them in the appropriate bins in the recycling area (currently located at the end of the showground).

**Food waste** – *plate scrapings, tea bags, coffee grinds, peelings, and off-cuts, unusable food waste* – should now be placed in one of the 240L red food waste containers – labelled as “Food waste.”

These food waste containers will be emptied weekly. The food waste can go directly into the container or in clear plastic bio-degradable bags.

**Glass bottles and jars** – should be placed in the large red bin labelled “Glass only”

**Metal, plastic, paper & card** – *steel and aluminium cans, aluminium foil and food trays, steel and aluminium jars and bottle lids, empty aerosol cans, plastic bottles, pots, tube and trays, PE & PP plastic tubes larger than 50mm x 50mm, empty cartons for food and drink* – must be placed in the large red bins that are labelled accordingly.

**Non-recyclable commercial waste** - *including low-grade plastics, polythene and unrecyclable packaging* – should be placed in the “General Waste” containers.

**Larger items** such as mattresses, fridge/freezers, furniture and any electrical items cannot be disposed of on the park. Owners must make their own arrangements to have these items removed from the park. For example, when ordering replacement items, most suppliers will remove the old mattress, fridge/freezer etc for a small fee. Otherwise, these items will need to be disposed of at your local tip (near your home address).

**To be clear, food waste must be stored and collected in a separate container from other recyclables.** Contamination must be avoided – if our recycling bins include any incorrect items or materials but still with traces of liquid or food, then this means the recycling container is contaminated and cannot be collected.

### **What will happen if the waste is contaminated?**

If our waste is contaminated, then the bins will likely not be collected, and Longbeach will have to pay our service provider for a wasted journey. We could also be fined by the Environment Agency. If either of the two penalties are enforced because of customer contamination, then this is something we may need to consider when reviewing the park fee going forward.

We would like to thank you all in advance for your help and understanding in this matter.