



WHY RECYCLE?

In Amsterdam we work with a garbage disposal system which assumes that all the waste separation is done at home.

If the waste is not separated properly it will all be burned in waste incineration factories.

This emits a lot of unnecessary CO2 emissions and prevents the possibility to recycle the materials. The main ways we sort garbage in Amsterdam are:

°**Glass** °**Paper/cardboard**

°**Plastic packaging** ° **Rest.**

Next to bins designated for the upper classifications there is the possibility to bring your old °**textiles** and °**electronics** to specified locations to have these be deposited or recycled.

In the following text we will give an outline of the specific items that can be thrown in the bins and their exceptions.





Ultimate guide TO RECYCLING IN AMSTERDAM

GLASS

The DOs: Transparent glass (e.g. bottles and jars). It is both fine to leave on corks/lids and dispose of the jars/jugs uncleaned.

The DONTs: Lightbulbs, or other bulbs. Crystal glass. Stone/porcelain jugs. Baking trays. Glass types which are not clear enough to see through.

PAPER/CARDBOARD

The DOs: Paper (newspapers, letters, other prints, egg cartons, phonebooks, gift wrappings, magazines without plastic wrap.)
Cardboard.

The DONTs: Beverage carton (e.g dairy, fruit juices, water, soups) => this goes with plastic. Hygienic papers (toilet paper/paper towels) & wallpaper all go in the rest bin.

PLASTIC

THE DOs: Plastic bags and foils: Grocery bags, bread bags, packaging for rice/pasta/candy, plastic wrappings around magazines.

Cartons: Juice/water/whine soup/milk/yoghurt cartons. Bottles and flasks: SodaBottles for oil and vinegar. Bottles for shampoo or soap. Squeeze bottles for sauces. Cups, bowls and tubs: yoghurt cups, salads, vegetables or fruit, tubs for butter, sauce or spreads. Tubes, jars and lids: toothpaste, crème and lotion Jars for gel or vitamins, plastic plant pots, plastic lids.

The DONTs: Cans and metal packaging with contents. Packaging from chemical waste (e.g. turpentine); from foam (e.g. meat); with Styrofoam ;with aluminium (e.g.chips bags). Other plastic products like toys and garden furniture.

TEXTILE

The DOs: Clothes (even damaged). Shoes (please tie to each other). Sheets or blankets. Rags. Bags and accessories. Curtains Caps and hats. Household textiles (towels, dishcloths).

The DONTs: Mattresses; Cushions; Carpet



The textile bins are more sparsely distributed in the municipality of Amsterdam.

Location: Look up for bins close to your home on <https://kaart.amsterdam.nl/#13/52.3659/4.9093/brt/8864/244/>

E-WASTE

The DOs: old computers, laptops, various kitchen appliances with a plug, and many more electronic devices.

Electronic waste is considered as one of the fastest growing waste categories in the world. *It is very harmful for the environment if not properly recycled.* Therefore, it's important that this kind of waste is solely disposed in proper recycle bins. If not, it could end up on a big pile of e-waste on dump yards in Africa or South-East Asia.

Location:

E-waste bins can often be found in supermarkets or other stores. Look for locations close to your home on

<https://www.wecycle.nl/inleverpunt-zoeken>



Let's go!

