



High Peak Borough Council

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Contamination Policy

It's important only items acceptable on our collection schemes are put into your recycling containers.

We are only able to collect materials our contractors can sort for recycling or composting. Unfortunately, there are still some items that cannot be included – e.g. not all items made from plastic or metal should be included in the brown bin.

If incorrect items end up in the collection vehicle, the whole collection load may be rejected and none of the material recycled or composted, undoing the good work of residents and costing taxpayers extra money.

Our contamination policy:

- On collection day all crews carry out a visual inspection of your bin to check for contamination
- If incorrect items are found in recycling containers they will not be emptied
- The collection crew will leave a yellow sticker on your bin
- The crew will report on their day sheet where stickers have been left and what is wrong. This is then logged and you will be sent a letter telling you what is wrong
- You must remove the incorrect items and place your bin out again on the next scheduled collection
- This process is repeated on the second occasion incorrect items are found in the bin
- If contamination is reported a third time within a six month period, the crew will place a red sticker on the bin, a letter will be sent and arrangements are made to remove your bin

This policy is aimed at the individuals who have no regard for recycling or the environment. It is not to target residents who make genuine mistakes.