

In Which Bin?

What waste goes where?

Sometimes it is hard to know what to do with all the things we no longer need or have any purpose for. It is really important we put the right things in the right bins to enable our waste to be effectively managed and disposed off responsibly.

- **Recycling Bin** - can take some plastics, paper, cardboard, metal and glass
- **Compost Bin** - is for all your organic material which can be rotted down, like shells, peelings and cores
- **Garden Bin** - for garden waste like leaves, weeds and trimmings if you don't have a compost bin
- **General Waste** - things that are not recyclable or that cannot be rotted down

But that doesn't mean everything else should go in the general waste bin. Did you know that there are around 700 fires each year which are caused by batteries being put in general waste bins? This costs local councils around £158 million.

There are other things you could do instead:

- **Reuse** - things over and over again
- **Donate** - them to someone else or to charity
- **Recycle** - not everything can be recycled at home, some things need to be taken to a recycling point/center

Making it real:

My Waste - what waste do we create? Each child could have their own waste container which they use. Who has created the most and what kind of waste it is.

Waste Free Lunches - provide small waste containers at mealtimes, this could be for food and / or packaging. What is going in the bins and why?

Waste Collections - get involved in your regular waste collections, take a look at the bin lorry and watch what happens when the bin is emptied.

Community - visit a local recycling centre to see the next steps of what happens to waste

Create displays of this topic in your setting to get families talking about possible behaviour changes which can be made at home. Direct families to the Fox's Waste Adventure videos to learn together: www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL8r4z-g4G0VN5UlpSsuW8yHuPgD9086EN

Early years curriculum links:

- Understanding the world
- Communication & language
- P, S, E Development
- Literacy

Guidance age two to five years

