



Bottle Top Recycling - Plastic

Milk bottle tops were our first ever recycling scheme. Introduced back in 2006, it became extremely popular and **very contaminated** very quickly. The scheme was expanded to include **ALL** lids made from HDPE & LDPE indicated by the numbers 2 and 4. Unfortunately **contamination worsened** significantly and soon collections included plastic lids from jars, margarine tubs, cream cheese tubs, ice cream, etc and even metal lids. To maximise recycling, **countless hours** were spend sorting the lids by hand.

In November 2019, Brighton & Hove City Council announced a change to their **plastic** bottle recycling scheme. **Here's what to do with your lids now;**

- **MILK BOTTLE TOPS** [plastic] – wash & squash your plastic milk bottle & put the **LID INSIDE**. Include in your council recycling. Lids go inside as the thread is weak, and they fly off easily when being baled.
- **OTHER BOTTLE TOPS** [from plastic bottles] – wash & squash your plastic bottle and put the **LID BACK ON**. Include in your council recycling.
- **LIDS OFF TETRA PAKS** [cartons] – after washing and squashing the carton **REPLACE THE LID** and deposit in one of the dedicated carton recycling bins in the city. It's particularly important to flatten the carton as it means more can fit on the lorry to be transported to ACE UK in Warrington.
- **ALL OTHER PLASTIC LIDS** – this includes plastic lids from glass bottles, glass jars, tubs, pots, etc to be included in **GENERAL WASTE**. If you have an account with Magpie, you could ask if they will accept them.

What to do with the bottle tops you have already collected

Setting up a recycling scheme takes a long time, as does bringing one to a close. We have been trying to bring this one to a close for some time. See below arrangements for what to do with the plastic lids you may have accumulated. We will only be accepting collections which have been separated in the following way;

RED, BLUE and GREEN milk bottle tops

All other plastic bottle tops

NEXT COLLECTION
Thursday 20th May

PENULTIMATE COLLECTION
Thursday 17th June

FINAL COLLECTION
Thursday 29th July

If you have any questions, please email us: info@thegreencentre.co.uk