



Knowing what is and what is not recyclable can be confusing. The following information (from the British Science Association following research carried out during British Science Week 2018) may help.

The top items which Brits across all age groups wrongly thought they could put in the recycle bin at home or at work, but actually are not recyclable are:



1. Soap pump dispenser tops (44%)
2. Used kitchen roll (34%)
3. Shiny/metallized wrapping paper (26%)
4. Coffee cups (24%)
5. Glass that isn't a bottle or jar e.g. window glass (23%)
6. Plastic bags (22%)
7. Straws (21%)
8. Greasy takeaway pizza boxes (21%)
9. Soft plastic / metallic packaging like pet food pouches (19%)
10. Photo paper (18.50%)



The top items which Brits don't know they can put in their recycle bin are:

1. Kitchen foil and foil trays which are used but still clean (66%)
2. Empty deodorant aerosols and hairspray with the plastic cap (58%)
3. Empty surface cleaner bottle with the trigger spray (57%)
4. Metal lids (56%)
5. Empty bleach bottles (51%)