

# WHEN WE ALL RECYCLE, WE ALL WIN



**Every time you deposit some packaging or a newspaper for recycling, this is the start of something big.**

The old bottle cap can be converted into new sheet metal for car bodies. An empty washing powder pack can become a new shoebox, for example. Yesterday's newspaper can become tomorrow's headlines. Nature's raw materials are used again and plenty of energy is saved. In so doing, we all help create a better world in which to live.

## RECYCLING

All packaging and newspapers that are collected are taken for recycling to become new packaging or new products. Plastic packaging can become input material for washing up brushes, plant pots and plastic bags, for example. Glass and paper packaging usually becomes more packaging. Metal packaging can become reinforcing bars and old newspapers can become kitchen paper or newsprint again.

## PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

We have a rule in Sweden called producer responsibility. This means that companies that manufacture or sell packaging and newspapers are responsible for the collection and recycling of their products. At Förpacknings- och Tidningsinsamlingen, FTI, we work on behalf of these companies. We want to make it easy for you to recycle while at the same time maximising the environmental benefits of recycling. But we need your help to succeed in this.

## RECYCLING STATIONS

FTI is responsible for all unstaffed recycling stations around Sweden. These are where you should take newspapers and packaging of plastic, paper, metal and glass for recycling. If you live in an apartment block with a communal recycling point, you should take your packaging and newspapers there.

## MORE INFORMATION

At [www.ftiab.se/hitta-atervinningsstation](http://www.ftiab.se/hitta-atervinningsstation) you can find your nearest recycling station and check when it is emptied and cleaned. You can also find guides to sorting, videos on recycling, tips and advice, plus information on our organisation here.

If you have any questions about recycling newspapers and packaging, please contact us via [kontakt@ftiab.se](mailto:kontakt@ftiab.se) or call us on **0200 88 03 11**. For questions about bulky waste, composting, electrical waste or other waste issues, please contact your local authority or read more at [www.sopor.nu](http://www.sopor.nu).

# Sort more

To enable as much waste as possible to be recycled, we need your help. Packaging should be completely empty and somewhat dry. If you have packaging made of more than one material, you should sort it as the material that you think weighs most. **Thank you.**



## PLASTIC PACKAGING

For example: Bottles, cans, plastic bags, refill packs, plastic tubes, crisp packets and polystyrene.

- ✓ Remove any stoppers and lids. Empty your bag with the different types of plastic packaging into the separate containers for each. This makes it easier in later recycling stages.
- ✗ Plastic products other than packaging, should be sorted as bulky or household waste, e.g. furniture and toys. Deposit bottles should be returned to a store for a refund.



## PAPER PACKAGING

For example: Pasta packs, milk and juice cartons, paper bags, shoeboxes, toilet roll tubes and cardboard boxes.

- ✓ Flatten and fold in two. Put small packaging in larger packaging to save space.
- ✗ Envelopes should be sorted as household waste or combustible waste. Newspapers, advertising flyers and similar should be deposited in the container for newspapers.



## METAL PACKAGING

For example: Tin cans, empty spray cans, tubes, bottle caps, lids and empty paint tins.

- ✓ Fold in sharp lids on tin cans. Leave the cap/stopper on tubes.
- ✗ Tins containing paint or glue residue should be sorted as hazardous waste. Scrap metal, plumbing parts, frying pans and other products that are not packaging, should be sorted as bulky or household waste. Deposit cans should be returned to a store for a refund.



## GLASS PACKAGING

For example: Coloured or clear glass bottles and jars.

- ✓ Remove caps, lids and corks and sort as the respective material. Sort coloured and clear glass packaging in the correct container.
- ✗ Deposit bottles should be returned to a store for a refund. Porcelain, ceramics and other products that are not packaging, should be sorted as bulky or household waste. Light bulbs and tube lights should usually be taken to local authority staffed recycling centres.



## NEWSPAPERS

For example: Daily and weekly newspapers, magazines, catalogues, advertising flyers, diaries and writing/drawing paper.

- ✓ Remove plastic wrapping and advertising stickers.
- ✗ Envelopes and bound books should be sorted as household waste or combustible waste. Paper bags, cartons and similar should be deposited in the container for paper packaging.