

# SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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## Are all paper cups recyclable?



### Paper cup recycling:

Paper cups (except compostable cups) can be recycled if segregated into a dedicated paper cup bin and sent to a specialist cup recycling facility.

There are currently 12 national waste providers offering a paper cup collection service - with most of the cup waste going to two dedicated cup recycling facilities in the UK called ACE and James Cropper.

### Dedicated collection schemes:

Dedicated paper cup collection and recycling schemes are also available - like Simply Cups.

A UK collection and recycling service dedicated to turning paper cups into second-life materials, Simply Cups works directly with customers to help them efficiently segregate paper cups and by-pass the traditional mixed recycling route.

### The importance of paper cup segregation:

Paper cups must be segregated into a dedicated paper cup bin and should not be disposed of in a mixed recycling bin because:

**Contamination:** Paper cups are often heavily contaminated after use with coffee residue and other packaging litter, so if placed in a mixed recycling bin they undermine the recyclability of all the other mixed recycling items.

**Volume:** Most material recycling facilities (MRF) do not receive enough volume of paper cups in mixed recycling to justify the expense of actively segregating them into a separate material stream. So a paper cup in a mixed recycling bin will generally end up as general waste.

**Identification:** Paper cups with a recyclable lining suitable for disposing into a mixed recycling bin are not easily identifiable at a material recycling facility (MRF). As such the MRF is unable segregate these cups for recycling and they will end up as general waste.



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