

SCHOOL LUNCH PACKAGING

Examples of packaging you might find in your lunch box



Paper Packaging



Compostable Packaging



Compostable Cutlery



Tin Foil



Rigid Plastic Container



Materials Lined in Plastic



Aluminum Box



Polystyrene Number

Always remember anything that goes into the recycling bin must be **clean, dry** and **loose** before going in. All food materials must be washed off all packaging before going into the green bin. If packaging is spoiled with oil, or cannot be washed it should be placed in the **general waste bin**.

Check out mywaste.ie for more information on what goes into your bin

Where Should Your Packaging Go?



Paper packaging can ONLY go into the **recycling bin** if it has no traces of food or grease on it. After finishing your lunch you should double check your paper is clean before throwing it away.



Compostable packaging may be used to package hot dinners. These containers can go into a **brown bin** that is picked up by your schools bin provider so they can be broken down properly. These are NOT recyclable. If your school does not have access to a brown bin, throw in the **general waste bin**.



Compostable or wooden cutlery may be provided with your school lunch. These can go into the **brown bin** that is picked up by your bin provider. These are NOT recyclable. If your school does not have access to a brown bin, throw in the **general waste bin**.



Tin foil can be recycled if it is completely clean. Therefore all food must be removed. Before throwing it into the **recycling bin** remember to scrunch it up into a ball so its easier for it to be recycled. If the foil is soiled and cannot be cleaned throw it in the **general waste bin**.

Where Should Your Packaging Go?



Rigid plastic containers may be used to package hot dinners. If these containers have been washed and there is no food remaining, they can go into the **recycling bin**. If they cannot be cleaned they must go into the **general waste bin**.



Paper containers like these may be use to package hot meals. This material is a combination of plastic and paper, making it almost impossible to separate. Due to this it is NOT recyclable and must be placed in the **general waste bin**.



Aluminum containers like these may be used to package hot meals. Like tin foil can be recycled if it is completely clean. Therefore all food must be removed. Before throwing it into the **recycling bin** remember to scrunch it up into a ball so its easier for it to be recycled. If the foil is soiled and cannot be cleaned throw it in the **general waste bin**.

Lunch Packaging Checklist



Material	Recycling Bin ONLY IF CLEAN, DRY & LOOSE	General Waste Bin (If packaging is soiled/ contains food)	Brown Bin
Paper Wrapping	✓	✓	
Aluminum Box	✓	✓	
Plastic Lids with 1 or 2 symbol on them	✓	✓	
Plastic Containers	✓	✓	
Clear Rigid Plastic	✓	✓	
Cardboard Water Bottles	✓	✓	
Materials lined in plastic		✓	
Compostable Packaging		✓	✓
Wooden/ Compostable Cutlery		✓	✓
Soft Plastic	✓	✓	
Plastic Water Bottle	✓	✓	
Tin Foil	✓	✓	