

What is in our Household Bins?

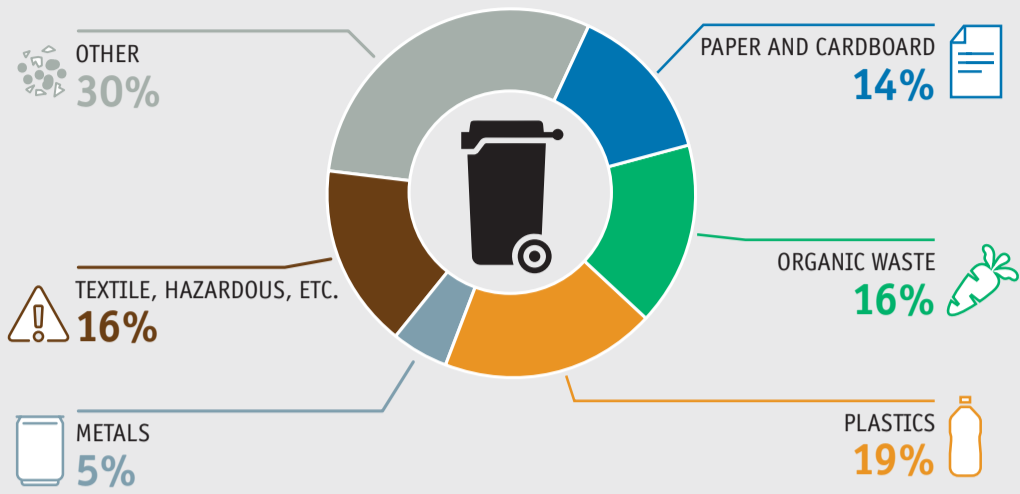
EPA municipal waste characterisation study 2018

General Waste

In the past ten years, **organic waste in the black bin has reduced by 15%.**

15%

This achievement is due to the introduction of the organic (brown) bin.

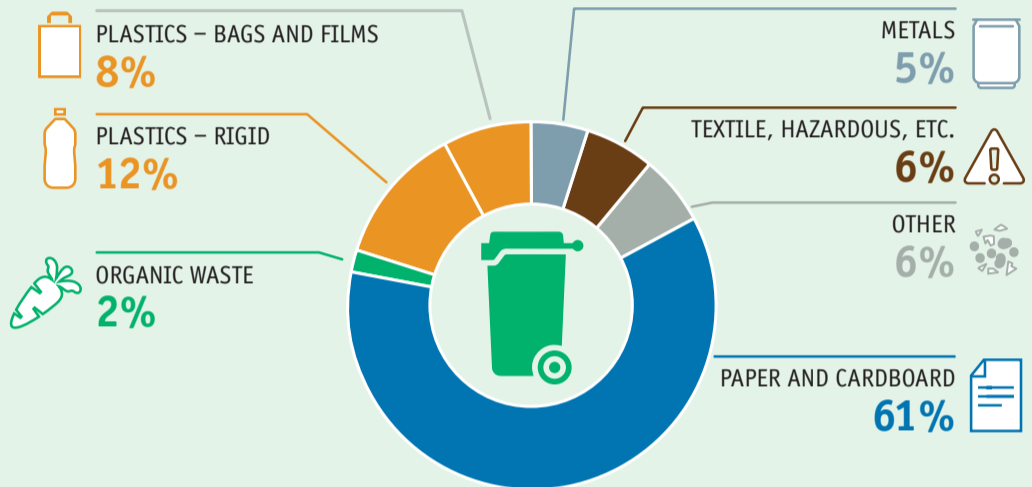


Recyclable Waste

Over 20% of material in the recycling (green) bin should not be there

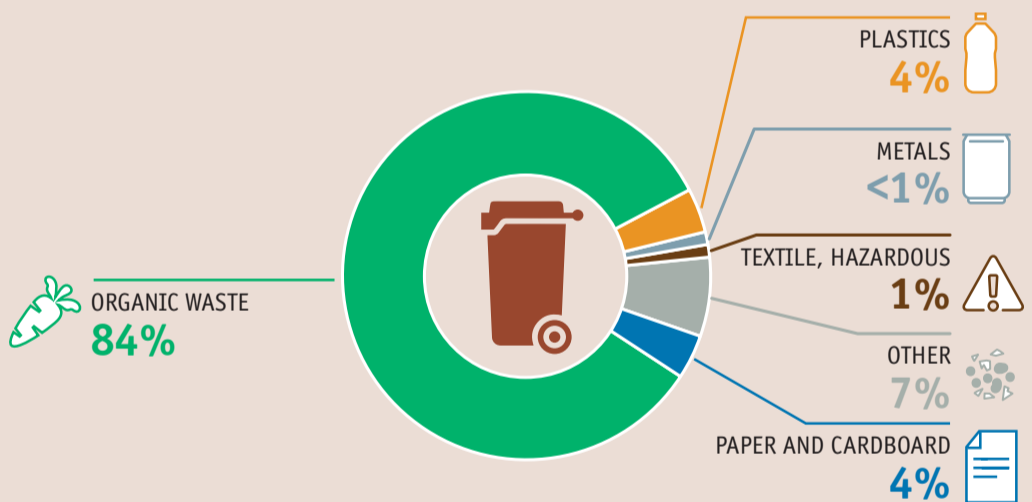
(see recyclinglistireland.ie).

Packaging material in the green bin is less clean now than it was ten years ago. This reduces the value of recycling.



Organic Waste

Make sure the **bags** you place into your brown bin are **compostable.**



Total Kerbside Waste

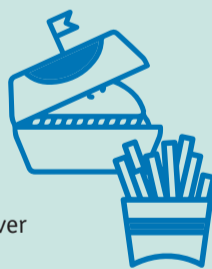
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Plastic is now the largest waste type and makes up 17% of the household waste collected at kerbside.



+6%

Packaging waste increased by 6% over the last ten years.



11%

Glass, clothes and hazardous waste are 11% of kerbside waste. These do not belong in kerbside bins. Instead bring them to a recycling centre.



Key Messages

Say NO to the throwaway culture

avoid overconsumption, and avoid overpacked and single use products.



Present your recyclables **clean, dry, loose.**



'That doesn't belong there': use recycling centres for **textiles, hazardous waste** and **glass.**

Use your three bins correctly see recycling list for Ireland recyclinglistireland.ie



IF BINS WERE USED CORRECTLY...

... We could reduce the amount of general (black bin) waste by one third; leading to increased recycling and composting.

