

## EARTH CHILDREN: RECYCLING

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ITEM	EXPLANATION
Aerosol cans	Metal, but leave the labels on so that recyclers can see if they contain hazardous material.
Batteries	Rechargeable batteries are recyclable/ can be reused Disposable are not recyclable. There are drop-off points (e.g. PnP) to dispose of these batteries safely. Batteries can also be disposed of in the Batteries/Fluorescent tubes/Printer cartridges/Bulbs bin, which is in the Recycling Shed at RGHS
CFL's (Compact fluorescent lights)	CFL's and fluorescent tubes should not be thrown away with ordinary rubbish, because they contain lead. There are drop-off points at PnP and Woolworths. If this is not an option for you, place them in the Battery bin which is in the Recycling Shed at RGHS
Chip packets	Not recyclable if it's a silvery packet Look at the back to see if it's plastic recyclable
Clingfilm	Plastic
Contact plastic for book covers/ Laminated paper	Not recyclable
Dental floss	Not recyclable, but you can buy organic/ compostable dental floss.
Elastic/ Rubber bands	Not recyclable/compostable.
Empty pens and stationery	The pens aren't recyclable, but donate or reuse the rest.
Eraser and Pencil sharpening	Organic
Expired medicine	Pharmacies and hospitals collect and dispose of them properly. (e.g. Clicks)
Fabric	Reuse/ donate.
Files	Try to donate
Foil	Metal
Food on paper	Compostable (but not a lot at a time)
Glass	Most glass is recyclable, but drinking glasses and light bulbs* aren't recyclable.
Paper clips	Metal, but try to reuse or donate.
Plasters, or any other items with blood on them	Throw into the sanitary bins in the bathrooms, as it all will get incinerated.
Polystyrene	Plastic
Sosatie sticks/ Toothpicks	Organic
Stickers	Not recyclable
Straws	AVOID plastic straws! If you have to use a straw, rather use a paper straw.
Tetrapaks (i.e. juice/ milk cartons)	Recyclable, but wash first and there are only 7 drop-off points for Tetrapaks in Cape Town. The nearest one is in Claremont.
Used Tissues	Organic
Wax wrap	Not recyclable with petroleum additive Biodegradable in unaltered form (organic)
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