**Waste classification**

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| Primary classification | Secondary classification | Examples |
| Paper | NewsprintMagazines and printed matterPaper other than the abovePaperboard | Newspapers, advertising brochures, corrugated cardboard, cereal boxes, liquid cartons |
| Putrescibles(compostable) | Garden wasteRotting items other than the above | Grass clippings, weeds, trees, food scraps |
| Ferrous metals (things containing iron) | Steel cansIron other than the above | Food tins, car bodies, roofing iron, appliance bodies |
| Non-ferrous materials | Aluminium cansExcluding aluminium cans | Soft drink cans, copper pipe, aluminium window frames |
| Glass | Brown bottles, clear bottles, green bottles, jars, glass other than the above | Fish bowls, windows |
| Textiles  | LeatherNon-leather | Carpet, curtains |
| Nappies and sanitary products |  | Disposable nappies, sanitary pads |
| Rubble, concrete | Rubble, rocks and concrete, plasterboard, fibre-cement products, fibreglass, soil/clay, other | Bricks hard planks, shakes, topsoil, sand |
| Timber | Lengths and piecesPallets and cratesFabricated sheetsSawdust, shavings,Debris, other | Framing timber, boards, sawn timber, joinery, beds, cabinets, plywood, particle board, medium-density fibreboard |
| Rubber |  | Rubber pipes, mats  |
| Potentially hazardous | Household hazardous wasteSpecial and treated wasteMedical wasteUntreated hazardous wasteDebris, other | Cleaners, aerosols, wax products, glues, cosmetics, medicine, batteries, lighters, paints, inks, agrimaterials, prescription medicines, animal remedies, contaminated soil  |

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