

THE BINTERROGATOR

WATCH
YOUR
WASTE



Find ways to waste less and recycle more

How to do a 'binterrogation'

1. Ideally do the binterrogation across a week between bin collections and 'binterrogate' your recycling bin one week and your rubbish bin the next.
2. Use the Binterrogator to record and count the items you throw away in each bin, either when you throw it away or wait until the bin is full and do it all at once.
3. Try to complete each column – below is a completed binterrogation to help you.
4. If the item can't be reused/upcycled use the Surrey Recycles search tool and app to help you see what you could recycle and how.
5. Visit surreyep.org.uk to find the search tool and for other ideas, inspiration and know-how.

Item	Count	Can you reduce this type of waste? Is there a reusable alternative?	Can you reuse this type of waste? Is there an alternative use for it?	Which bin is it in?	If it's in the rubbish bin, can it be recycled or composted?
<i>Plastic water bottle</i>	<i>IIII (4)</i>	<i>Buy a reusable water bottle</i>	<i>Cut off bottom and use as a seed planter</i>	<i>Recycling</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<i>Potato peelings</i>	<i>I (1)</i>	<i>Some dishes don't require potatoes to be peeled. Check online.</i>	<i>Can be roasted to make a delicious snack</i>	<i>Rubbish</i>	<i>Can be recycled – kerbside collection, bring bank or community recycling centre</i>
<i>Pair of old socks</i>	<i>I (1)</i>	<i>Holes in socks can be repaired</i>	<i>Can be used as a duster</i>	<i>Rubbish</i>	<i>Can be recycled – kerbside collection, bring bank or community recycling centre</i>
<i>Batteries</i>	<i>II (2)</i>	<i>Use rechargeable batteries</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Rubbish</i>	<i>Can be recycled – kerbside collection, bring bank or community recycling centre</i>
<i>Mouldy bread</i>	<i>I (1)</i>	<i>Freeze before it goes mouldy.</i>	<i>No – but stale bread can be used to make bread pudding, breadcrumbs etc.</i>	<i>Rubbish</i>	<i>Can be composted using a hot composter or place in food caddy</i>
<i>Cling film</i>	<i>III (3)</i>	<i>Silicone or beeswax wraps are reusable cling film alternatives</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Rubbish</i>	<i>No</i>

