

# THE BINTERROGATOR

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## 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](http://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?
Plastic water bottle	IIII (4)	Buy a reusable water bottle	Cut off bottom and use as a seed planter	Recycling	N/A
Potato peelings	I (1)	Some dishes don't require potatoes to be peeled. Check online.	Can be roasted to make a delicious snack	Rubbish	Can be recycled – kerbside collection, bring bank or community recycling centre
Pair of old socks	I (1)	Holes in socks can be repaired	Can be used as a duster	Rubbish	Can be recycled – kerbside collection, bring bank or community recycling centre
Batteries	II (2)	Use rechargeable batteries	No	Rubbish	Can be recycled – kerbside collection, bring bank or community recycling centre
Mouldy bread	I (1)	Freeze before it goes mouldy.	No – but stale bread can be used to make bread pudding, breadcrumbs etc.	Rubbish	Can be composted using a hot composter or place in food caddy
Cling film	III (3)	Silicone or beeswax wraps are reusable cling film alternatives	No	Rubbish	No

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