

# Sort out your rubbish

**CURRICULUM LINK:**

Science Curriculum and Geography Curriculum—Environmental Awareness and Care strand  
Energy books—*Energy in Our Lives*, Chapter 8

Check the rubbish being thrown out either in school or at home. Fill out the table below by putting the type of rubbish (e.g. paper, food scraps) in the first column and ticking which of the five classifications the rubbish fits.

Type of rubbish	Recyclable	Non-recyclable	Re-useable	Packaging (could be reduced)	Bio-degradable
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Over one day in school, divide the rubbish, keeping out of the bin anything that could be recycled, is biodegradable (can be composted) or could be reused. Did this exercise reduce the amount of rubbish going into the bin?

Find out where paper, glass, cans and cardboard can be brought in your area for recycling.

