

# What is in our Household Bins?

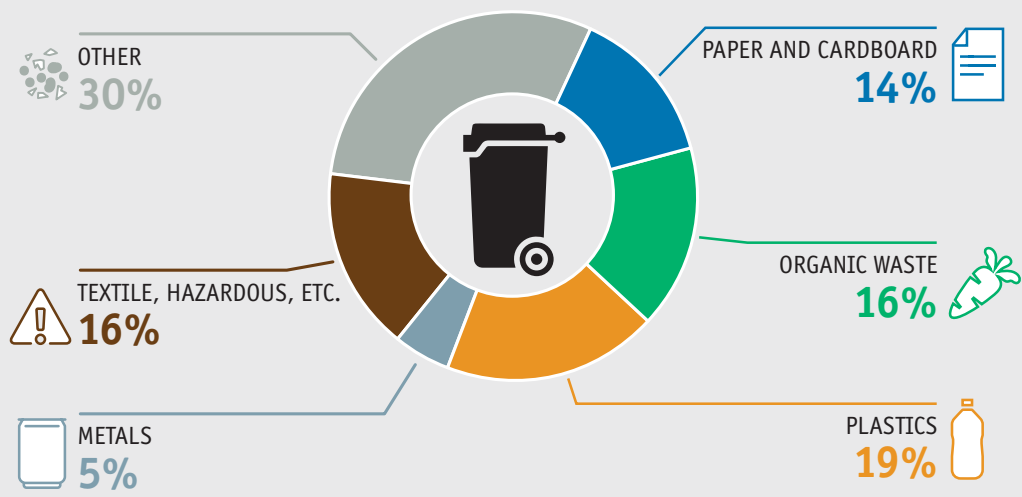
EPA municipal waste characterisation study 2018

## General Waste

In the past ten years, **organic waste in the black bin has reduced by 15%.**

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This achievement is due to the introduction of the organic (brown) bin.

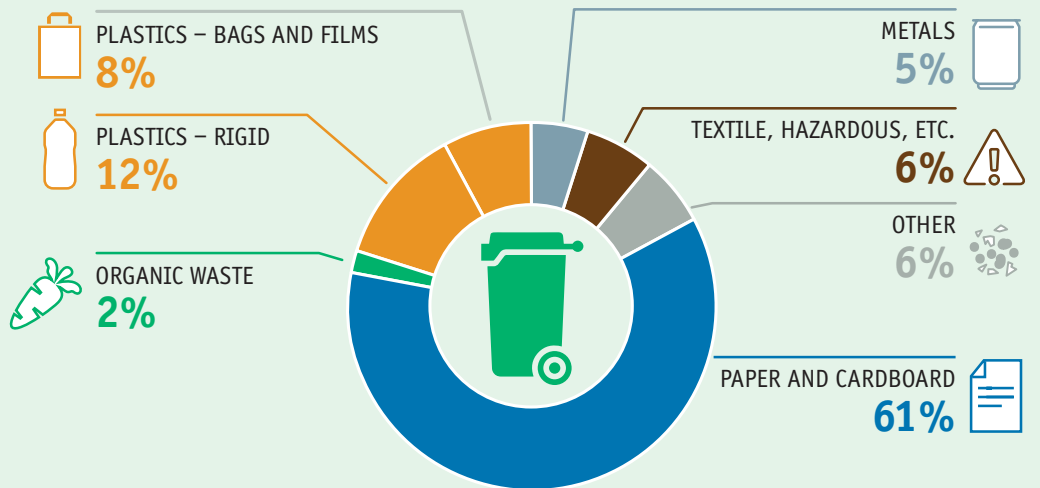


## Recyclable Waste

Over 20% of material in the recycling (green) bin should not be there

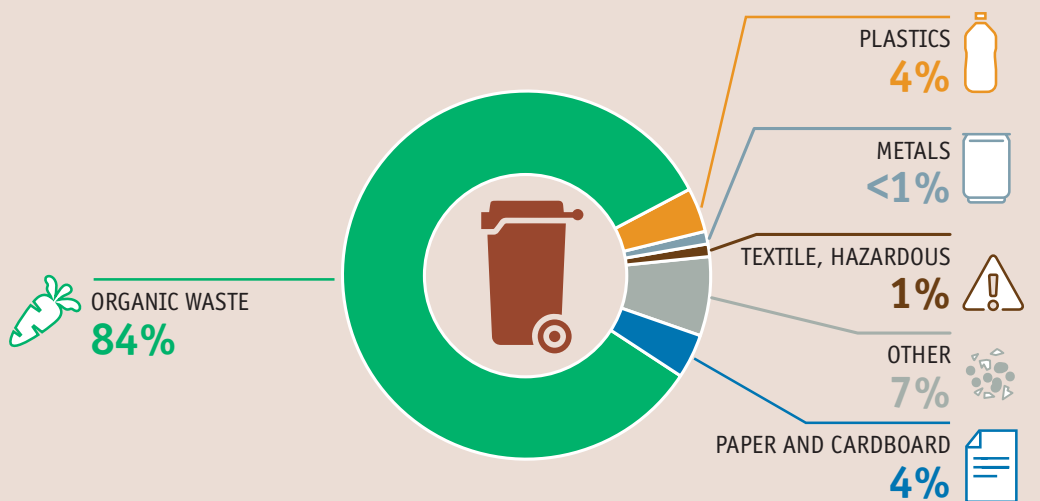
(see [recyclinglistireland.ie](http://recyclinglistireland.ie)).

Packaging material in the green bin is less clean now than it was ten years ago. This reduces the value of recycling.



## Organic Waste

Make sure the **bags** you place into your brown bin are **compostable.**



## Total Kerbside Waste

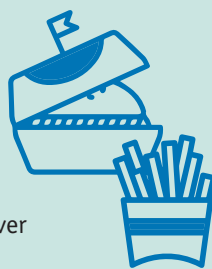
**17%**

Plastic is now the largest waste type and makes up 17% of the household waste collected at kerbside.



**+6%**

Packaging waste increased by 6% over the last ten years.



**11%**

Glass, clothes and hazardous waste are 11% of kerbside waste. These do not belong in kerbside bins. Instead bring them to a recycling centre.



## Key Messages

**Say NO to the throwaway culture**

avoid overconsumption, and avoid overpacked and single use products.



Present your recyclables **clean, dry, loose.**



**'That doesn't belong there':** use recycling centres for **textiles, hazardous waste** and glass.

Use your three bins correctly see recycling list for Ireland [recyclinglistireland.ie](http://recyclinglistireland.ie)



## IF BINS WERE USED CORRECTLY...

... We could reduce the amount of general (black bin) waste by one third; leading to increased recycling and composting.

