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## Extra Recycling Guidance – Cardboard Policy

Please flatten card and cardboard and place it in your recycling box. Excess cardboard can be left out in pieces, reduced down to approximately the size of your green box. Please place it tidily underneath, or next to your recycling box on your collection day. Packaging from large appliances or big-screen televisions etc, will not be collected unless it has been flattened and folded to approximately the size of the recycling box.

In summary:

- Cardboard should be put in the recycling box where possible
- Excess cardboard should be neatly presented underneath or next to the recycling box
- Larger cardboard should be reduced in size by folding or cutting it to the approximate size of the recycling box
- Crews may reject the collection of cardboard that is not presented as above.

### ACCEPTABLE



### UNACCEPTABLE



Background:

Recycling collection vehicles have two rear compartments; one for paper and cardboard and the other for all other recyclable materials. This process avoids paper and cardboard contamination, ensuring that we can achieve the best possible rebate from the sale of material. The above guidance will minimise the risk of large cardboard items filling the hopper too quickly. When this happens the vehicle has to travel to tip the load earlier than is necessary. This increases unnecessary vehicle miles and puts pressure on the costly resource infrastructure (i.e. the number of vehicles and crews required).