



MATCH THE SYMBOLS

ACTIVITY:

LEARNING AIMS:

- To inform students what different recycling symbols mean, helping them to understand what can/cannot be recycled

TIME:

15 minutes

RESOURCES:

- Pictures of recycle symbols and statements (Use those provided or find your own)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:

- Ask students to match each symbol to the correct statement.
- Once the activity is complete, discuss the symbols - did the group recognise them, did they know what they signify, do they work? etc.
- Find out what other recycling symbols they have noticed on products and what they indicate (you can use the items in the 'Sort it out' activity to help identify additional symbols)
- If they find symbols they don't know, ask them to research and find out!



South Tyneside Council



Widely recycled

Whoopie! ...chances are you can recycle this item. This symbol is used for packaging that is collected by 75% or more councils in the UK.

Widely recycled at recycling centres

Although your item is recyclable, you can't put it in your home recycling bin. You'll need to take it to your local recycling centre. An example of this is a metal paint can.

The Green Dot

This symbol signifies that the producer of the item has made a financial contribution towards recovering and recycling it. It doesn't give any indication as to whether your council recycles it, or even if it's recycled in the UK.

Mobius Loop

This indicates that the item is capable of being recycled — somewhere. But that 'somewhere' may not even be in the UK. Like the Green Dot, this symbol doesn't give much away.

Glass

This symbol encourages you to recycle your glass container. Dispose of glass via a bottle bank

Recyclable aluminium

Your product is made from recyclable aluminium.

All councils collect food and drink cans from households, and nearly all collect aerosols and food trays

Tidyman

This fellow is to remind you to be a good citizen and not litter. He was created by the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign back in the 1960s.

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

This identifies that your paper, card, or wood-based product comes from well managed forests. These forests are independently certified by FSC.

