

TOOLBOX

THE “OTHER” MATERIAL TYPE



Who should read this toolbox?

Refund point staff who count and manifest, and refund point managers who communicate with logistics providers.

Why is this toolbox important?

We want to remind all refund point staff and managers to keep a look out for containers that fit into the “other” material type. These containers need to be sorted and manifested for collection like any other material and should be stored in Bulka bags for collection.

What is the “other” material type?



The “other” material type is the smallest in volume of the eight material types and is made up of a low volume of containers that do not fit into aluminium, PET clear and colour, glass, HDPE, LPB and steel.

The types of containers that fit into this material type are generally containers that are made of PP (polypropylene), as per the example to the left, as well as containers that are made of multiple materials such as juice sachets (plastic and aluminium) or casks (aluminium, plastic and cardboard).

How is the “other” material type collected?

Remondis provides a specific collection service in Perth, and based on demand, can pick up Wheatbelt sites in Bulka bags with PET collections. Regionally, Cleanaway can pick up other material at any time, as long as it is manifested. WARRRL encourages refund points to make contact with their logistics providers to arrange collection.



Examples of the “other” material type

We have provided pictures of some of the most common types of other containers that should be sorted into the “other” material type stream. Please note that yoghurt sachets **are not eligible** containers!



Above left - casks (cardboard, aluminium and plastic)

Above right - sachets (aluminium and plastic). Please note yoghurt sachets are ineligible.



Examples that are NOT the “other” material type

We also saw some containers that were mis-categorised and were actually HDPE or white PET, which should be sorted into the HDPE and PET Coloured material type streams.

Below left - HDPE

Below right - white PET (sort into colour PET)



It's always helpful to look at the bottom of the container. You should be able to tell from the number what type of material the container is.

PET	HDPE	PVC	LDPE	PP	PS	OTHER
Polyethylene Terephthalate	High-Density Polyethylene	Polyvinyl Chloride	Low-Density Polyethylene	Polypropylene	Polystyrene	Other
Drink bottles, produce clamshells, cooking oil, vinegar	Milk bottles, shampoo bottles, detergents	Chemical containers, packaging, piping, electrical tape	Plastic bags, squeeze bottles, bread bags, bin liners	Plastic bottle tops, buckets, yogurt pottles, straws, potato chip packets	Disposable cups, take-out containers, foam packaging, packing 'peanuts'	Other plastics includes acrylics, polycarbonates, nylon, fiberglass