

Composite materials

What are composite materials?

Composite materials are found in any packaging that contains different materials bonded, laminated or joined together.

Examples of this type of packaging include coffee tins that have a cardboard centre and steel ends or chip packets and chocolate bar wrappers that are made from plastic-coated foil.

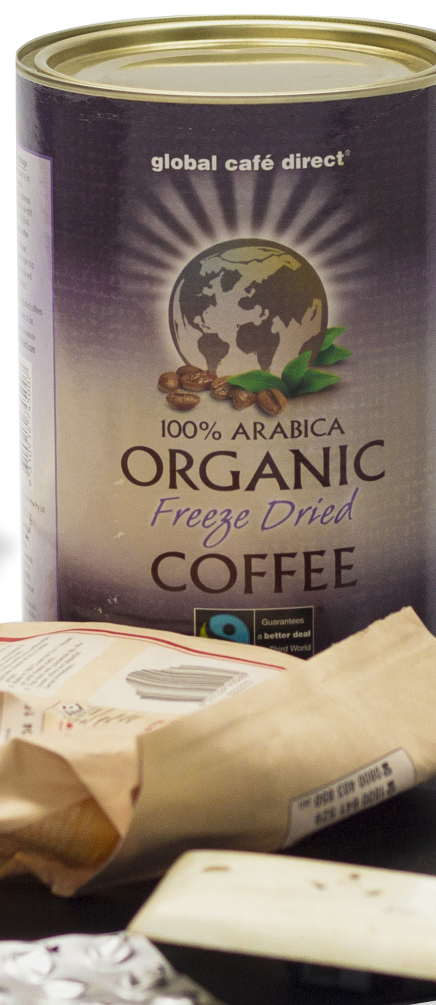
Composite materials are a problem for kerbside recycling because they:

- make it difficult for people on the conveyer lines to correctly sort the materials,
- contaminate good recyclables, and
- are generally not recyclable within Tasmania.

What can I do to help?

- **Separate composite packaging into its component materials** or leave them out of the kerbside recycling bin. For example for a coffee tin you could cut off the steel ends of the tin and place these and the cardboard centre in your kerbside recycling bin as separate materials.
- **Keep soft plastic out of your kerbside recycling bin** including plastic bags, chip packets and bubble wrap.

Start. Organise. Recycle. Think. SORT yourself out today.



Did you know?

- Blister packs are generally made of plastic and foil and cannot be recycled in your kerbside recycling bin.