

# Guide for liners and bags – what bin?

Please check your local shopping/hardware stores for availability of products.



## Degradable

Made from plastic with other chemicals added. The plastic breaks apart over time when placed in sunlight and heat. They break into small pieces of plastic in the environment.

**Breaks down in:** varies, and goes into smaller pieces only.

**Which bin?** Red bin only.

## Biodegradable

Made from plastic, sometimes made from plants and plastic, with an additive to break down the plastic. It doesn't need oxygen to break down.

**Breaks down in:** varies, time is not specified, it could take thousands of years.

**Which bin?** Red bin only.



## Product examples

## Which bin does it go in?



The best solution to plastic bag waste is to not use disposable plastic bags in the first place.

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## Compostable (AS 4736)

Made of natural plant starch ie corn and does not produce any toxic material. These completely break down in a composting system. They meet the Australian Standard for compost AS 4736. Be aware that some products may be labelled as 'compostable', but do not meet the standard. Look for the seedling symbol to be sure.

**Breaks down in:** about 90 days

**Which Bin?** Green bin for food and garden waste.

Can be placed in red bin as well, but best in green bin.



## Product examples



## Which bin does it go in?



If you are unsure about a product or you know of any other products that meet the Australian Standard (AS 4736) please call 02 6670 2400 or email [resourcerecovery@tweed.nsw.gov.au](mailto:resourcerecovery@tweed.nsw.gov.au)