

New Recycling Service- Further information

Why we are making the changes

A study of waste took place in 2010 which showed that over 2/3rds of the waste in a bin can be recycled. Recycling is good for the environment and means that valuable resources can be used again, and again.

We ran focus groups with residents to find out their views of the proposed new service. These groups responded positively to the changes.

Find out what goes in what bin.

Green recycling bin

The green bin will be collected every two weeks.

Yes please

- ✓ All types of paper and cardboard
- ✓ CLEAN cans, tins and foil, including EMPTY aerosols
- ✓ CLEAN plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays

No thanks

- × Glass (bottles, jars, light bulbs, dishes or window panes)
- × Plastic bags, wrappers, crisp bags, bottle lids
- × Photographs
- × Car batteries
- × Duvets and pillows

Blue recycling box and textiles bag

The blue recycling box and textile bag will be collected every two weeks.

Yes please

- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Glass jars
- ✓ Small electrical items (e.g. hairdryers, toasters and kettles)
- ✓ Household batteries (place in a clear bag and put into your box)
- ✓ Clothing, towels, clean sheets, shoes (in pairs)

No thanks list

- × Light bulbs
- × Glass dishes
- × Window panes
- × Plastic bags, wrappers, crisp bags, etc
- × Photographs
- × Car batteries
- × Large electrical items (microwaves, and larger)
- × Duvets and pillows

Textiles bag – Please put the following textile items in your textile bag and place it **beside** your blue box

Yes please

- ✓ Clothing
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Clean sheets
- ✓ Shoes (in pairs)

No thanks

- ✗ Duvets
- ✗ Pillows

Grey Food waste caddy

The grey food caddy will be collected every week.

Yes please

- ✓ beans, pasta and rice
- ✓ bread cakes and other bakery items
- ✓ dairy items (such as cheese)
- ✓ eggs and egg shells
- ✓ fruit and vegetables (including peelings)
- ✓ meat and fish (including bones)
- ✓ tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ fast food (ie chips, burgers and pizzas)

No thanks

- ✗ liquids (including milk and cooking oil)
- ✗ food packaging
- ✗ garden waste
- ✗ animal waste or bedding

Brown garden waste bin

The brown bin will be collected every two weeks, and monthly in winter.

Yes please:

- ✓ Flowers, plants and garden weeds
- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Hedge clippings, twigs and small branches
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Christmas Trees (please cut in half and place beside your garden waste bin)

No thanks

- ✗ Plastic bags or liners
- ✗ Kitchen or food waste

- × Stones, bricks or rubble
- × Animal waste or bedding
- × Plant pots or polystyrene
- × Litter
- × Timber
- × Soil and turf

New grey general waste bin

The grey bin will be collected every 2 weeks

- only put waste in this bin that cannot be recycled
- make sure the bin lid is closed and there is no extra waste left beside your bin.

Why we are using smaller bins

Currently 40% of your waste is recycled, but we need to do more. Sending waste to landfill is a waste of resources.

Councils across the UK have introduced a smaller bin and have found that residents are able to cope with this change. It results in increased recycling rates, and decreases the amount of waste sent to landfill.

With the 240 litre green wheelie bin being switched to recycling, a recycling box, weekly food waste collections and garden waste recycling, we are providing an increased amount of capacity for people to recycle most of their waste – even with the smaller bin.*

*Although the landfill (140litre) bin is smaller, the reduction is compensated by the increase in recycling capacity. With all the recycling services included, recycling capacity goes from 150 litres to 295 litres – an increase of 96%.

Benefits of the new service

It is a simpler system - the new bin will require you to do less sorting because cans, cardboard, paper and plastics will be put into the same bin. The recycling will also be collected on the same day as your other bins.

More materials - we are accepting a wider range of materials, including plastic tubs, pots and trays. Small electrical items will be accepted in the blue box.

Increasing capacity – we are increasing the amount that people can recycle by creating greater capacity with the wheelie bin for recycling.

If you need help using the smaller bins

You can contact us if you are struggling with the new service and we can arrange a visit from a Recycling Advisor.