

Frequently asked questions

Will you collect extra materials that won't fit in the recycling box

We will collect any extra cans, plastic bottles and paper if you leave these in a carrier bag next to the box. All glass must be contained within the box provided.

How will I cope with the black bins being emptied every other week

More than 60% of your rubbish can be recycled. So by separating your compostable rubbish and cardboard into the green wheeled bin and your recyclable rubbish into the recycling boxes, your black bin should not overflow.

What is the effect on public health of emptying the black bins every other week

There is no risk to public health if simple guidelines are followed. Food waste should be wrapped in bags (old carrier bags are good for this) and the lid of the black bin should be kept shut so vermin and flies cannot get in.

What will happen if we put the wrong things in the green bin

If you put the wrong things into the green wheeled bin (for example, things that cannot be composted such as plastic bags or meat) we will not empty it.

What will happen if the wrong bin is left out for collection

If the wrong bin is left out for collection we will not empty it.

What about extra rubbish that won't fit in the black bin, can we leave it at the side

We can only collect the rubbish in the bin. We will not collect any rubbish left next to or on top of the bin.

Does garden waste go straight into the green bin

Yes. Do not put the waste in any type of plastic bag. The materials go straight to be composted and the plastic will not break down. If you are worried about garden waste sticking to the bottom of the bin, you may line it with cardboard or newspaper.

Why can't I recycle other types of plastic in the black box

Unfortunately we can only process plastic bottles. Containers such as yogurt pots and margarine tubs are made from a type of plastic that is not widely recycled in the UK at the moment.

What happens to the stuff you collect

All of the materials we collect in the boxes are recycled into new products and materials.



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How does the scheme work ?

Each household has four containers

We empty these every other week, on the same day.

Week one

Green wheeled bin

Green recycling box

Week two

Black wheeled bin

Black recycling box

- On your collection day, please place the appropriate bin and recycling box on the kerbside by 7am.
- Please see your calendar to check which collection week it is.
- Replacement calendars are available on our website or by contacting us.



What goes in the bins and boxes ?

Green bin

Garden waste and cardboard

Yes please

Cardboard

Cardboard packaging such as cereal boxes, frozen food packets, toilet roll tubes, tissue boxes, washing powder boxes, greetings cards, corrugated card

Garden rubbish

Grass cuttings, small branches, hedge clippings, weeds, prunings, cold ash

Other rubbish

Phone books, Yellow Pages, pet straw, untreated sawdust and woodshavings, cut flowers, shredded paper

No thank you

Kitchen rubbish

Food waste, cooking fat and oil, 'tetrapak' cartons used for liquids such as fruit juice, wine, milk

Garden rubbish

Soil, stones, flowerpots, plastic bags

Other rubbish

Nappies, dog or cat waste, fabric

Black bin

This is only for waste that cannot be recycled or composted.



Green box

Paper and glass

Yes please

Glass bottles
Glass jars

Newspapers
Magazines
Brochures
Junk mail
Computer paper

Please remove the lids from bottles and jars and rinse out.



No thank you

Window envelopes
'Tetrapak' cartons used for liquids such as fruit juice, wine, milk
Polystyrene
Hard backed books
Pyrex glass
Drinking glasses, sheet glass or broken glass
Shredded paper

Black box

Plastic bottles, cans and foil

Yes please

Soft drink bottles
Plastic milk bottles
Shampoo bottles
Detergent bottles
Food and drinks cans (steel and aluminium)

Aerosol cans
Aluminium foil trays
Aluminium foil

No thank you

Yoghurt pots
Plastic food trays
Margarine tubs
Plastic bags
Polystyrene packaging
Foil lined plastic, for example crisp packets
Bottle tops

Please remove the lids from bottles and rinse out cans.

