

 recycle for Scotland

# Your new recycling service

All you need to know



Recycling from all round your home helps the environment and helps us maintain local services – a winning combination.

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# What's changing?

## Why?

- We are making improvements to your recycling and waste services, so we can deliver these collections more efficiently; with the aim of increasing the quality and quantity of recycling collected.
- By making these changes we are also helping to move Scotland closer to more consistent recycling across the country, meaning no matter where you live, recycling services will be easier to use and understand.
- *(add in quick line on potential cost savings to be realised by making the service change, if applicable)*

# What's happening?

- Your grey bin for non-recyclable waste is changing from weekly to every two weeks.
- All other recycling collections will remain the same.
- You can now recycle cartons in your green bin.
- To help you recycle more additional recycling bins and food waste caddies are available free of charge.

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# Your kerbside recycling service

**Blue Bin**  
Paper, Card and  
Cardboard  
Collected every 2 weeks



**Green Bin**  
Plastics, Metals and  
Cartons  
Collected every 2 weeks



**Purple bin**  
All Colours of Glass  
Bottles and Jars  
Collected every 2 weeks



**Food Waste Caddies**  
Cooked & uncooked  
food waste  
Collected every week



Please refer to your  
new calendar to check  
if your collection day  
has changed.

Collected every 2 weeks

# Paper, Card and Cardboard



## Yes

### Paper

#### Clean and dry

- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Magazines, catalogues and directories
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Letters and envelopes (including windows)
- ✓ Office and shredded paper
- ✓ Paperback books - reuse them by taking to a charity shop.
- ✓ Glitter free wrapping paper

### Cardboard

#### Flattened

- ✓ Large and small cardboard boxes - For example cereal, detergent boxes and packaging
- ✓ Brown corrugated packaging

## Yes (continued)

- ✓ Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- ✓ Glitter free greetings cards

## No

- ✗ Tissues and napkins
- ✗ Padded envelopes
- ✗ Kitchen towels
- ✗ Cardboard contaminated with food
- ✗ Nappies

### Top Tips!

Remove all plastic inserts and polystyrene, as well as packing tape from boxes



1 Collect your recycling and flatten your cardboard.



2 Place your recycling into your blue bin.



3 Place your blue bin at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every two weeks.



Paper and card can be recycled into new newspapers and packaging.

Collected every 2 weeks

# Plastics, Metals and Cartons

Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, tins, cans and aerosols



## Yes

### Metals

Empty and rinsed

- ✓ Tins
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Empty aerosols
- ✓ Foil trays
- ✓ Aluminium foil
- ✓ Chocolate and biscuit tins
- ✓ Metal lids

### Plastics

Rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Food and drink bottles
- ✓ Toiletry bottles
- ✓ Tablet and medicine bottles
- ✓ Pots, tubs and trays
- ✓ Lids and tops
- ✓ Yoghurt pots

### Cartons

Rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Fruit juice, milk, soup and sauce cartons

## No

- ✗ Plastic bags, liners and cling-film
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Plastic wrappers
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Crisp packets
- ✗ Glass



- 1 Rinse your metals, and rinse and squash your plastics and cartons.



- 2 Place your recycling into your green bin.



- 3 Place your green bin at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every two weeks.



- Metals, plastics and cartons can be recycled into new aerosols, plastic bottles, tins and cans.

Collected every 2 weeks

# Glass Bottles and Jars

All colours of glass bottles and jars



## Yes

### Glass bottles and jars

- ✓ Food and drink bottles and jars
- ✓ Condiment bottles and jars
- ✓ Toiletry and perfume bottles

Metal bottle tops and corks can go in this recycling bin.



## No

- ✗ Crockery, ceramics and pyrex
- ✗ Windows and mirrors
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Light bulbs

These types of items have different properties to bottles and jars. If they are accidentally recycled with bottles and jars they will not melt at the same temperature in the glass furnace and will create impurities in the recycled glass.

- ✗ Broken glass

Broken glass is hazardous. Please wrap it carefully in newspaper and put it in your non-recyclable waste bin.



- 1 Rinse your glass bottles and jars.




- 2 Place your recycling into your purple bin. Metal bottle tops can go in the purple bin too.



- 3 Your purple bin should be placed at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every two weeks.



- 4  Glass bottles can be recycled into new glass bottles.

Collected every week

# Food Waste

All types of food waste –  
cooked and uncooked



## Yes

### Cooked and uncooked

- ✓ Dairy and eggshells
- ✓ Fish, meat and bones
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables (and peelings)
- ✓ Bread and cakes
- ✓ Rice, pasta and pizza
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Pet foods
- ✓ Unpackaged out of date food

## No

- ✗ Liquids and oils
- ✗ Packaging

### Top Tips!

Keep your indoor caddy clean and fresh by using new liners. And remember, you can even recycle meat and bones.

## Keeping your caddy clean

- You can empty your kitchen caddy as often as needed.
- Your caddy can be stored anywhere including in a cupboard or outside.
- Avoid spillages by only filling the liner 3/4 full before tying.
- Give your caddy a quick rinse after emptying it and then replace the liner.



- 1 Put all cooked and uncooked food waste into your kitchen caddy which should be lined with a compostable liner, or newspaper.



- 2 When the liner is almost full, tie and remove it from the kitchen caddy.



- 3 Put the full liner into your kerbside caddy, then place it at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every week.



- 3 Your food waste is then shredded and treated to turn it into valuable resources such as agricultural fertilisers and energy.



# Love Food Hate Waste

Scotland throws away 600,000 tonnes of food and drink from our homes every year, most of which could have been eaten.

This waste costs us over £1 billion a year, or £470 for the average household.

While your food waste recycling service is great for disposing of unavoidable food waste, like peelings, bones and fruit cores, reducing the amount we waste in the first place can save us money and benefit the environment.



For hints, tips and recipes to help use up your leftovers visit: [lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://lovefoodhatewaste.com)

## Re-use



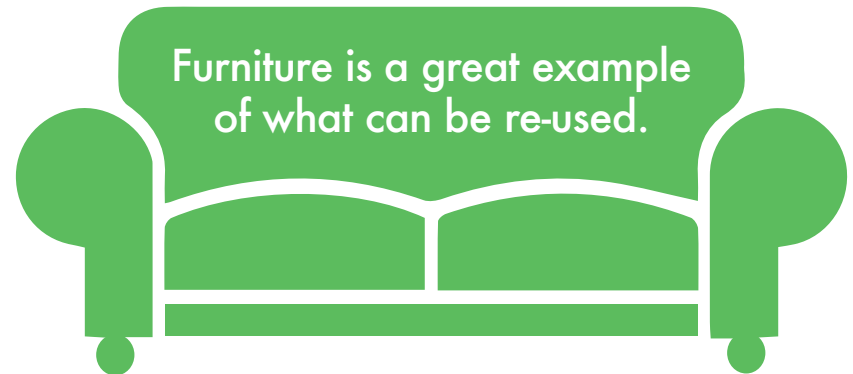
Every year in Scotland many potentially re-useable items are sent to landfill.

There are great re-use organisations in the region that offer alternative ways to dispose of your unwanted items whilst helping your local community, the environment, and reducing the volume and cost of waste sent to landfill.

If you have large items at home that you no longer need and are still in good condition, why not donate them for re-use. You can donate items locally, pass on to family or friends or use local sales and wanted sites such as Facebook marketplace, ebay, freecycle, gumtree or freegle.

### Why re-use?

- You'll be benefiting your local community and charitable organisations by supporting employment and volunteering opportunities.
- You'll be helping to reduce the amount of items being sent to landfill, reducing the environmental impact of waste. If items are in good condition, please put them in re-use containers where available.
- You'll be saving your Local Authority in landfill disposal costs; money which can be better spent in your community.



# Your Household Recycling and Re-use Centres

There are a number of Recycling Centres throughout the region which allow you to recycle a wide range of materials.

Items such as household furniture, small and large electrical items, garden waste, wood and jars, clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac and much more can be recycled at these locations.

Further information about your local Recycling Centre, where it is and what can be recycled, can be found online or by contacting us:  
[www.council.gov.uk/recycle](http://www.council.gov.uk/recycle)  
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## How to use your Recycling Centre

- Always separate your waste before visiting the site
- Do not bring unsorted waste in bags as many items can be recycled at the site
- Do not put recyclable materials in the landfill skips



# Frequently asked questions...

Can I recycle electrical items?

**There are a number of ways in which electrical goods can be recycled.**

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive sets targets for increasing the recycling rate for electrical goods.

At your local Recycling Centres there are facilities for recycling electrical goods. For further information about where your nearest facilities are visit:

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Many companies that sell electrical goods will now also take away your old appliances when they deliver the new one.

**Some charity shops will also accept electrical goods.**

Why don't you accept plastic bags for recycling?

**Plastic bags are made of a range of lower-value plastics which are difficult to sort and re-process,** they can contaminate other materials and become entangled in the sorting machinery. Re-use your carrier bags or take them to a supermarket that has a recycling collection for bags.

Where can I get new food waste liners?

**When you need more food waste liners, please tie a bag or last liner to the handle of your caddy.** The collection crews will leave a new roll in the caddy after it has been emptied.



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