

# It's never been easier to recycle

Your collection day:



# Changes to your waste collection service

- Your green bin collection is changing from being every 2 weeks to every 3 weeks.
- All other recycling collections will remain the same.
- Food waste will be collected every week in the grey food caddy.

- The blue bin, brown bin, black box and textile bag will be collected every two weeks.
- To help you recycle more, additional recycling containers including grey food caddies, larger blue bins, black boxes and textile bags are all available free of charge.

# Why the change?

This change gives important benefits to the Council and our communities. By recycling more we can reduce costs and help the environment.

Sending waste to landfill cost your council £131 million in 2012/13.

If there is no reduction in the amount of waste being sent to landfill, this cost will rise this year to £150million.

Scotland has ambitious targets to recycle 60% of the waste we generate by 2020 and, with your help, we can achieve this.

For more information:

# Could you recycle more?

A recent survey found that we're still putting too much recyclable waste into our landfill bins. That's why we need you to recycle as much as possible and reduce the amount of waste in your green bin.

Here's what goes in a typical landfill bin at the moment:

57% could be recycled if sorted correctly

43% is not recyclable and is ok to go to landfil



# 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- Unpackaged out of date food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

✗ No liquids please

#### **Top Tips!**

Use any plastic bag, compostable liner or newspaper to line your kitchen caddy. And remember, you can even recycle meat and bones.

## Will the food in my bin smell?

If you use your new service as shown below with liners, tie them when full, and close and lock your caddy lids (by putting the handle in the forward or upright position) there will be no problem with smell.





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



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



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.



Your food waste is then processed and shredded to create compost that can be used on your public spaces.

# Collected every 2 weeks 2 Blue Bin



aerosols and beverage cartons

pots, tubs and trays, cans,

## Yes

#### **Paper**

#### **Clean and dry**

- Newspapers and magazines
- Brochures and catalogues
- Leaflets
- Office paper
- Yellow pages/directories
- Envelopes and wrapping paper

#### **Metal containers**

#### **Empty and rinsed**

- Drinks cans and food tins
- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty paint tins
- Aluminium foil
- Metal lids

## Yes

#### Cardboard

#### **Flattened**

- Cereal boxes and cardboard packaging
- Brown corrugated cardboard boxes
- Toilet roll tubes
- Soup, juice and milk cartons

#### **Plastic containers**

#### Rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Drinks and milk bottles
- Squce bottles
- Cleaning product bottles
- ✓ Toiletry and cosmetic bottles
- Yoghurt pots and food trays
- Plastic lids



Rinse your cans, tins and plastic bottles, trays and tubs. Flatten your cardboard and plastic bottles.



Place your paper, cans, tins, cardboard and clean plastic bottles, trays and tubs into your blue bin.



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



Your plastic pots, tubs and trays could come back as plastic benches and tables for local parks.

# 2 Collected every 2 weeks Black Box

### Glass bottles and jars.

# Yes

#### Glass bottles and jars

- ✓ Wine bottles
- ✓ Beer bottles
- ✓ Juice bottles
- ✓ Cooking sauce jars
- ✓ Jam jars
- ✓ Baby food jars

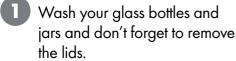
# No

- **✗** Glass cookware eg. Pyrex
- ✗ Window/flat glass
- ✗ Broken glass
- **✗** Crockery
- X Drinking glasses
- **X** Duvets

Please put these in your green bin!









Place the glass bottles and jars, into your black box.



3 Your black box should be placed at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect them (every two weeks).



Glass bottles can be recycled into insulation which can be used to heat homes.

# 2 Brown Bin

### All types of garden waste

# Yes

- Grass cuttings
- ✓ Flowers and plants
- ✓ Weeds and leaves
- Hedge trimmings and prunings
- ✓ Twigs and small branches
- Windfall fruit
- ✓ Sawdust

#### **Seasonal Collection**

Your brown bin is collected from March to November – check your calendar for details.

For a collection during the winter months please call **0845 000000** 

## No

X No soil or stones

#### **Top Tip!**

You can take excess garden waste to your local Recycling Centre at Town Name, where it will be recycled.



# 3 Green Bin

Non-recyclable
waste collection
is now every
3 weeks

### All non-recyclable waste

# Yes

- ✓ Items that cannot be recycled
- Polystyrene packaging
- Plastic film
- Nappies

### Are you recycling correctly?

The waste in your green bin is sent to landfill. Surveys have discovered that for the average household, 57% of this waste could have been recycled but was landfilled at a cost to the Council of £131 million in 2015.

## No

X Any item that can be recycled

#### **Top Tip!**

You can also recycle energy efficient light bulbs, car batteries, wood, and much more at your local recycling centres.



# Why recycling is important

By recycling, together we can save money, support jobs and protect the environment.

The materials we throw away are valuable and recycling helps the economy by creating jobs locally as well as in the Scottish recycling industry.

Recycling is more efficient – it uses less energy and reduces the carbon emissions compared to using raw materials.

Recycling **reduces the demand for raw materials**,
helping to protect natural habitats.

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