

Your recycling service is changing

**Everything
you need to
know**



We're changing the way you recycle at home

Glasgow is aiming to become a zero-waste city. Having declared a climate emergency in May 2019, the city is committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

We can help achieve these goals by recycling more of our waste. Recycling can help to reduce carbon emissions - it takes less energy to make recycled products than using raw materials.

It's therefore never been more important to recycle.

That's why we're changing the way you recycle at home, bringing Glasgow's recycling services in line with Scottish guidance (Code of Practice, which supports the Charter for Household Recycling) and to align with changes introduced by other councils.

These big changes will make it easier for you to recycle and make a big difference to the quality of recycling we collect.

What's changing?

- We are providing you with a new **grey bin** for recycling plastics, metals, cartons, soft plastics and film.
- As well as plastic bottles you can now also recycle other types of plastic in your new grey bin. This includes **yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, food trays, soft plastics and film e.g. plastic wrapping, carrier bags, film lids.**
- Your **blue bin** should now only be used to recycle **paper, card and cardboard.**

Remember to attach the enclosed stickers to your blue and green bins



NEW!



CHANGE!

Your improved waste and recycling service

Grey bin

Plastics, metals, cartons, soft plastics and film



Collected every **4** weeks

Blue bin

Paper, card and cardboard



Collected every **4** weeks

Purple bin

Glass bottles and jars



Collected every **8** weeks

Brown bin

Food and garden waste



Collected every **2** weeks

Green bin

Anything that cannot be recycled



Collected every **3** weeks

Recycling right

Before each of your recycling bins is emptied our collection crews will check to make sure they don't contain any wrong items.

What are wrong items?

Any item present in each of your recycling bins which shouldn't be there, or items which haven't been rinsed or contain food or liquids.

What will happen?

If your recycling bin contains wrong items it **will not** be emptied - we will tag it and you will be asked to remove the wrong items before putting it out again on your next collection day.

If you continue to put the wrong items in your recycling bin it will not be emptied, the bin will be tagged and you will receive a letter explaining what can be recycled in each bin.

A Council Officer may also visit your property to provide further advice on how to recycle correctly.

If you still continue to put the wrong items in your recycling bin it may be removed.

It costs the Council more money to dispose of items in the green bin than it does to recycle them - if in doubt, leave it out.



You should know...



Contamination amnesty

For approximately 4 weeks after your new grey recycling bin is delivered we will empty all recycling bins, **even if they contain the wrong items**. We will tag your recycling bin, as a reminder that it is contaminated. Any recycling bins that are contaminated **after this amnesty period** will be tagged by our collection crews and **will not be emptied** - our contamination policy will apply, as described on the opposite page.



One green bin policy

Each household is allowed **one green bin** for non-recyclable waste. Please attach the sticker enclosed with this leaflet to your green bin - this will ensure it is emptied in the future. For approximately 4 weeks after your new grey recycling bin is delivered we will empty all green bins put out for collection - even if they don't have a sticker.

Any green bins put out for collection **without a sticker** after this amnesty period **will not be emptied**.



**One collection
per household**

Collected every 4 weeks

Use your grey bin for
plastics, metals, cartons,
soft plastics and film



Plastic bottles



Plastic pots,
tubs & trays



Plastic & metal
lids & tops



Tins & cans



Empty aerosols



Clean aluminium
foil & foil trays



Metal & plastic
sweet & biscuit tins



Food & drink
cartons



Soft plastics & film
(e.g. plastic wrapping,
carrier bags, film lids)

**We
can only
recycle items
that are
clean**



- 1** Rinse and squash your items - there is no need to remove labels.



- 2** Place all these items loose into your grey bin - please don't put them in plastic bags.



- 3** Please put your bin out with the handle facing the kerbside by 7.00am on your collection day.

Please do not place any of the following items in your grey bin:

- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Oil or paint cans
- ✗ Metal pots, pans or trays
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Non-recyclable waste

Collected every 4 weeks

Use your blue bin for paper, card and cardboard



**Newspapers &
magazines**



**Envelopes &
junk mail**



Shredded paper



**Paperback books
(or donate to charity)**



**Greetings cards &
wrapping paper**



Clean pizza boxes



**Egg boxes &
toilet roll tubes**



**Cereal boxes
& food sleeves**



Cardboard boxes



1 Flatten your card and cardboard - this helps to save space in your bin.



2 Place all these items loose into your blue bin - please don't put them in plastic bags.



3 Please put your bin out with the handle facing the kerbside by 7.00am on your collection day.

Please do not place any of the following items in your blue bin:

- ✗ Items covered in food or liquid
- ✗ Plastic inserts, bubble wrap or polystyrene from boxes
- ✗ Plastic liners in cereal boxes
- ✗ Plastic wrapping from junk mail, newspapers or magazines
- ✗ Padded envelopes
- ✗ Tissues or kitchen towels
- ✗ Wallpaper
- ✗ Disposable coffee cups
- ✗ Hardback books
- ✗ Non-recyclable waste

Collected every 8 weeks

Use your purple bin for glass bottles and jars



Wine & spirit bottles



Beer & cider bottles



Food jars



Jam jars



Oil & vinegar bottles



Sauce bottles



Coffee jars



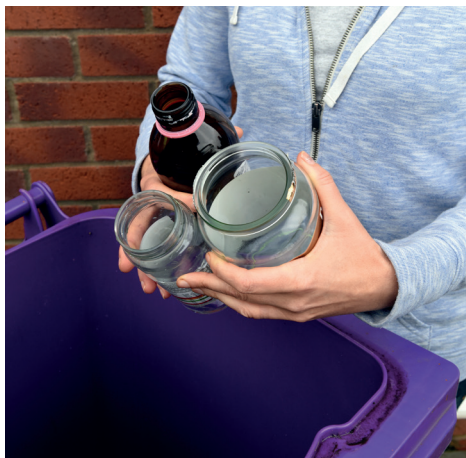
Medicine & perfume bottles

Lids and tops can be left on your glass bottles and jars





- 1** Give your bottles and jars a quick rinse.



- 2** Place all these items loose into your purple bin - please don't put them in plastic bags.



- 3** Please put your bin out with the handle facing the kerbside by 7.00am on your collection day.

Please do not place any of the following items in your purple bin:

- ✗ Crockery, ceramics or Pyrex
- ✗ Windows or mirrors
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Non-recyclable waste

Collected every **2** weeks

Use your brown bin for food and garden waste*

*Permit required for garden waste collection - apply online



Tea bags & coffee grounds



Fruit, vegetables & peelings



Meat, fish & bones



Eggs & eggshells



Bread



Rice & pasta



Grass & hedge cuttings



Flowers, leaves & weeds



Small branches

Visit our website to find out where you can collect free caddy liners



- 1** Put food waste in your kitchen caddy - please only use compostable liners. When nearly full, tie and place your liner in your brown bin.

- 2** If you have paid for a permit you can also use your brown bin for garden waste.



- 3** Please put your bin out with the handle facing the kerbside by 7.00am on your collection day.

Please do not place any of the following items in your brown bin:

- ✗ Bulky garden waste, such as tree trunks
- ✗ Plastic carrier bags
- ✗ Food or drink containers
- ✗ Food packaging
- ✗ Liquids or oils
- ✗ Soil, turf or stones
- ✗ Pet waste or animal bedding
- ✗ Garden furniture
- ✗ Any metal or plastic
- ✗ Non-recyclable waste

What happens to my recycling?

Once your recycling bins are collected they are sorted and processed at recycling facilities.

Find out more about the recycling process and watch videos on our website by scanning this QR code on your smart phone.



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Grey bin



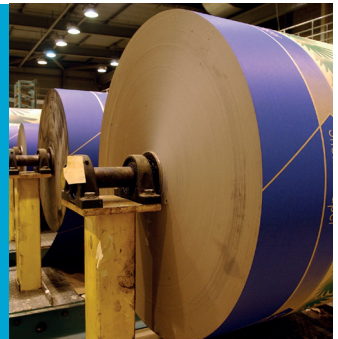
Plastics, metals, cartons, soft plastics and film are sorted, baled and sent for reprocessing into new products.



Blue bin



Paper and cardboard is baled, pulped and turned into new paper and cardboard products.



Purple bin



Glass is taken to a plant where it is crushed, colour sorted, melted and turned into new glass bottles and jars.



Brown bin



Food and garden waste is treated at an In Vessel Composting (IVC) facility and turned into compost.



Green bin



Waste that cannot be recycled is sent to the Glasgow Recycling and Renewable Energy Centre where it is treated and diverted from landfill.



Additional information

Thank you for recycling

Recycling is one way we can all make a difference to help conserve valuable resources and reduce carbon emissions - if everyone plays their part we can make a big impact. That's why we've changed the way you recycle at home to ensure we collect the best quality recycling. You can help us by putting the right items in each recycling bin, and making sure these items are clean and dry.

What else is happening?

This improvement to your kerbside recycling service is not the only change happening across the city - we are currently trialling a new collection system to increase the amount of recycling collected from flats and tenements, and are working on constructing a state-of-the-art Materials Recycling Facility at Queenslie, where the contents of the blue and grey recycling bins will be processed once the facility is operational.

Accessibility

This information can be made available in a variety of alternate formats and community languages on request. If you would like more information about this or would like to request an alternative format or language, please visit glasgow.gov.uk/twinstream



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help

Contact Us

For further information please visit glasgow.gov.uk/recycling