

Changes to your kerbside recycling collection service

All you need to know



Keep this guide for reference

Kerbside bin collection changes

This leaflet provides you with important information about your bin collections and how to use the service.

- Your green bin collection is changing from every **2** weeks to every **3** weeks.
- Your purple bin is collected every **8** weeks.
- Your blue and brown bin will continue to be collected every **2** weeks.



Why the change?

In response to the Climate Emergency, Glasgow City Council is committed to playing a key role in the development of a **more sustainable city**. Our new bin collection frequencies will help us to **encourage increased recycling in the city and also help to reduce our carbon footprint**.

Reducing waste can also save householders money – figures show that an average family in Scotland **could save £460 a year by throwing away less food**.

We appreciate your recycling efforts so far, however to meet the Scottish Government's recycling targets of 70% by 2025 we must work together to do even more.

Could you recycle more?

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

An analysis was undertaken on Glasgow City Council's bins, which highlighted that approximately 60% of waste in the green bin is recyclable and can be placed in the blue, brown or purple bin, as illustrated below.

Here's what currently goes in a typical green bin:

60%
could be recycled
if sorted correctly

40%
is not recyclable



Blue Bin

Collected every **2 weeks**

Dry Mixed Recycling



Paper, Cardboard, Tins, Cans, Plastic bottles

Yes

Paper

- ✓ Newspapers, magazines, leaflets and envelopes
- ✓ Brochures, catalogues and junk mail

Tins and Cans

- ✓ Drinks cans and food tins, aluminium cans and empty aerosol cans

Cardboard

- ✓ Cereal boxes and cardboard packaging
- ✓ Brown corrugated cardboard, toilet and kitchen roll tubes

Plastic Bottles

- ✓ Cleaning product bottles, toiletry bottles, drink and milk bottles, sauce bottles

No

- ✗ Food
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Plastic carrier bags
- ✗ Plastic film/polythene
- ✗ Polystyrene packaging
- ✗ Food and drinks cartons
- ✗ Plastic pots, tubs, trays including yoghurt pots and margarine tubs
- ✗ Books
- ✗ Packaging with food waste residues including takeaway pizza boxes and crisp packets



No plastic carrier bags



1

Rinse your cans, tins and plastic bottles.



2

Flatten your cardboard and plastic bottles. This will free up space in your bin.



3

Place your paper, cardboard, tins, cans and plastic bottles into your blue bin. All items should be loose.



4

Place your blue bin at the kerbside for 7am on your collection day and we will collect it every two weeks.

Brown Bin Collected every 2 weeks

Food and Garden Waste



Yes

Food (cooked and uncooked)

- ✓ Dairy products and egg shells
- ✓ Fish, meat and bones
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables (including peelings)
- ✓ Bread, cakes and pastries
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Rice, pasta and pizza
- ✓ Leftovers from meals
- ✓ Pet foods
- ✓ Unpackaged out of date food

Garden

- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Weeds and leaves
- ✓ Flowers and plants
- ✓ Twigs and small branches

No

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

Remember.....

Only use compostable liners which can be purchased from local shops and supermarkets.

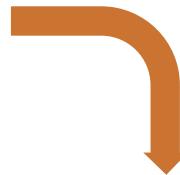


**1**

Put a compostable liner into your caddy and transfer any cooked and uncooked food waste into the caddy. Food waste can also be placed loosely in your brown bin.

**2**

When the liner is almost full, tie and remove it and place the liner into the brown bin along with any garden waste.

**3**

Place your brown bin at the kerbside for 7am on your collection day and we will collect it every two weeks.

**1**

We can only collect garden waste that can be composted. Twigs and branches should be cut to lengths that fit into your brown bin.

**2**

Place your garden waste into your brown bin along with any food waste.



Purple Bin

Collected every 8 weeks

Glass Bottles and Jars



Yes

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

No

- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Plates and cups
- ✗ Glass cookware, such as Pyrex®
- ✗ Window/flat glass
- ✗ Broken glass
- ✗ Crockery
- ✗ All ceramics

Did you know...

Glass can be recycled again and again with no loss in quality or strength.



1

Collect your glass bottles and jars.



3

Place the glass bottles and jars into your purple bin.



2

Give your glass bottles and jars a quick rinse.



4

Place your purple bin at the kerbside for 7am on your collection day and we will collect it every eight weeks.

Green Bin

Collected every 3 weeks

General/ Non-recyclable waste

The lid of your bin must be closed. Don't leave any bags on top or beside your green bin as they will not be collected.



Yes

Items that cannot be recycled

- ✓ Polystyrene packaging
- ✓ Plastic carrier bags
- ✓ Plastic film/polythene
- ✓ Nappies
- ✓ Packaging with food waste residues including takeaway pizza boxes and crisp packets

No

- ✗ Any item that can be recycled

Too good to waste

If you have items at home that you no longer need and are still in good condition, please contact your local charity shops who may be able to take or collect your items for free. Items can also be taken to any of the household waste recycling centres listed on the following page.

Additional Information

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Glasgow City Council's recycling centres can be found at the following locations:

Dawsholm	75 Dalsholm Road	Glasgow	G20 0TB
Easter Queenslie	90 Easter Queenslie Road	Glasgow	G33 4UL
Polmadie	425 Polmadie Road	Glasgow	G42 0JP
Shieldhall	375 Renfrew Road	Glasgow	G51 4SP

Please refer to the website for a list of what you can dispose of and recycle at any of the recycling centres: www.glasgow.gov.uk/hwrc

Public recycling points

There are currently over 650 public recycling sites across the city where materials can be placed for recycling.

Please refer to the website for a list of the public recycling site locations:

www.glasgow.gov.uk/recyclingpoints

Bulky waste collection

If you have bulky household items that are no longer suitable for re-use, and you are unable to take them to a recycling centre, you can request a bulk uplift. We will collect your items from a designated place outside your property; please note there is a high demand for this service and collections can take up to 28 days. Please see our website: www.glasgow.gov.uk/bulkywaste

Useful Information



Please remember your food caddy can be used to store food waste in your house and help you transport food waste to your brown bin.



If you require a food caddy or blue recycling bag please refer to our website for more details.

A blue recycling bag for life can be provided to assist with storing loose recycling items in your house and will help you to transfer them to your blue bin.

For advice or more information, please visit:
www.glasgow.gov.uk/recycling or MyGlasgow app

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