

What goes where?

Food waste



Indoor food waste caddy
Outdoor food bin

- ✓ Vegetable peelings, banana skins, apple cores
- ✓ Raw and cooked meat, fish and bones
- ✓ Dairy products and eggshells
- ✓ All cooked/uncooked/out of date food
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Pet food
- ✓ Cooking oil in sealed plastic bottles
- ✗ Food packaging
- ✗ Pet waste, litter or bedding
- ✗ Pots, trays
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Large amounts of liquids

Recycling



Green bag or black box

- ✓ Cardboard and paper (without glitter)
- ✓ Plastic bottles with lids, pots, trays, tubs
- ✓ Cartons/Tetra Paks
- ✓ Tins, cans and aerosol cans
- ✓ Shredded paper (in an envelope)
- ✓ Foil and foil trays
- ✗ Food wrappers
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Kitchen towels and tissues
- ✗ Textiles
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Black plastic trays
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Batteries & vapes

Rubbish



Blue rubbish bag

- ✓ Non-recyclable rubbish
- ✓ Plastic bags and film
- ✓ Nappies
- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✓ Pet bedding and animal waste
- ✗ Recycling
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Rubble and soil
- ✗ Batteries and vapes
- ✗ Gas canisters

Garden waste



Brown garden waste bin or bag

- ✓ Garden clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Flowers and weeds
- ✓ Small branches
- ✗ Household waste
- ✗ Animal waste
- ✗ Japanese knotweed
- ✗ Soil and stones
- ✗ Pet or animal bedding
- ✗ Food and kitchen waste
- ✗ Plant pots
- ✗ Large branches

Glass



Bottle bank

- ✓ Glass bottles of any colour
- ✓ Glass jars of any colour
- ✗ Light bulbs and tubes
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Vases
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Nail varnish bottles
- ✗ Ceramics or glass cookware

Batteries



- ✓ All kinds of used batteries, including mobile phones, vapes and car batteries

Recycle at local supermarkets or recycling centres.

Soft plastics



- ✓ Soft plastic fruit and vegetable bags, crisp and biscuit packaging

Recycle at supermarkets' collection points.

Your guide to RUBBISH & RECYCLING in Wokingham Borough 2024/25



As we did last year, we are giving you **1 roll of 54 blue bags** to last you one year from April. Recycling is easy and most of your household waste can be recycled. Use the Recycling Locator tool to find what to recycle where:

www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator

Your household waste collections are **not** changing

From August, most households' rubbish will be collected from a black wheeled bin unless they meet one of the following criteria:



- ✗ Flats with communal collections
- ✗ Households with no front or side gardens to store a wheeled bin and no access to a rear garden other than through the house
- ✗ Households on narrow lanes where access is restricted, and regular waste collection vehicles are not used

We think this includes you, so **your rubbish and recycling collections are staying weekly** although your collection day could change. You'll be keeping blue rubbish bags and green recycling bags, or a black recycling box if you currently use one.

If you think we've made a mistake, please contact us by calling 0118 974 6000 or emailing customerservice@wokingham.gov.uk

Frequently asked questions



You need another green recycling bag

Stop by one of the collection hubs to pick one up. **They're free!**
Visit our website for more information and search: **'collect recycling bags'**.



Your collection was missed

Report it on our website after 4pm on your normal collection day or by the end of next working day. Visit our website for more information and search: **'report missed collection'**.



You need a food waste kitchen caddy or outdoor food waste container

Stop by one of the collection hubs to pick one up. **They're free!**
Visit our website for more information and search: **'food waste collections'**.

If you've got a question, visit us at www.wokingham.gov.uk



Sign up to our fortnightly newsletter on rubbish and recycling at www.wokingham.gov.uk/newsletter to learn more about reducing waste, reuse and recycling.

Over half of what goes in the **blue bags** could be recycled, saving about £1 million a year*

A recent look at blue bags collected from households across the borough found that 62 per cent of the contents could have been recycled, with food waste being the biggest culprit.

How do your bags compare? Could you be recycling more?

