

Get ready for a greener future

We want to help you get ready, so here are some helpful tips.

- ✓ The new collections will **start in mid-August**, so don't put out your new wheeled bin until then.
- ✓ Your bin will arrive between **late May and July**.
- ✓ We'll announce your **collection day in advance** and you'll be able to look it up on our website.
- ✓ **Make space for your wheeled bin and green bags.** You could build a bin store, keep them in a shed, or outdoors.
- ✓ **Make sure you have enough free green recycling bags** and remember to squash the contents where you can.
- ✓ **We're not limiting green bag collections** but most households should only need four, the same amount as a typical recycling bin.
- ✓ **Get a free food waste bin and indoor caddy if you don't already have one,** and consider subscribing to our fortnightly garden waste collections or home composting.
- ✓ **Find recycling points for items not collected at the kerbside at www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator**

Please consider as many ways as possible to recycle more. **As it stands, more than half the contents of a typical blue bag could be recycled.**

For more information, search **"waste collection changes"** on our website or subscribe to our Rubbish & Recycling newsletter at www.wokingham.gov.uk/newsletter

MEET YOUR NEW BIN

Your rubbish and recycling collections are changing **from August**



From **August**, we'll be collecting your rubbish **fortnightly** from a **black wheeled bin** while **recycling** will be **collected fortnightly**, on the other weeks, from the usual **green bags**. **Food waste** will continue to be **collected weekly**.

You'll be getting your bin from late **May onwards**, and we're also giving out a roll of **20 blue bags per household** to cover the period from April until your collections change. Please keep using an average of one per week to make sure you have enough until then.

Recycling is easy! Most of your waste can be recycled

What's going to change?

Get ready for the changes...
Recycle as much as possible!

From mid-August, waste collections for most households will be:

Waste type	Container	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
Food waste	Food bin and indoor caddy	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rubbish	Black wheeled bin	✓	Not collected	✓	Not collected
Recycling	Green bag(s)	Not collected	✓	Not collected	✓
Garden waste	Brown wheeled bin/bag(s)	✓	Not collected	✓	Not collected



Rubbish: Fortnightly collections from a 180-litre black wheeled bin, which holds about the same as about two full blue bags. We will only empty one full bin, with the lid fully shut, per household per fortnight.



Food waste: Weekly collections from existing 23-litre black food waste bin.



Recycling: Fortnightly collections from existing green bags on weeks when rubbish is not collected. You can put out as many green recycling bags as you like.



Garden waste: Subscription service with fortnightly collections from brown bins and bags.

Exceptions: Collections for households in these types of properties will stay the same

- ✓ Flats with communal collections
- ✓ Households with no front or side storage for a wheeled bin and no outside access to a rear garden
- ✓ Households on streets with restricted access where regular collection vehicles aren't used

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

Garden waste



Brown garden waste bin or bag

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

Recycling



Green recycling bag

- ✓ 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

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

Rubbish



Blue rubbish bag or black wheeled bin

- ✓ 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

Batteries



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

Recycling points for small batteries across the borough, including at local supermarkets or household waste recycling centres.

Soft plastics



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

Recycle at supermarkets with a return facility.