

Frequently asked questions

1. Why can't plastic bags be recycled?

Although plastic bags and other plastics are recyclable, they should be put in your grey bin as they cannot currently be recycled through the process the Council uses. Plastic bags can be returned to various supermarkets for recycling.

2. What sacks can I use for my food waste?

You can use compostable sacks (conforming to EN13432) to put food waste in. These can be bought at various shops and supermarkets. Please do not use biodegradable or normal plastic bags or sacks.

3. What if I don't have enough space in my grey refuse bin?

If you recycle and compost as much as possible in your other bins, you will be surprised how little waste will be left. If you are really struggling, please contact us.

4. What do we do with nappies?

Disposable nappies should be put in your grey bin as these cannot currently be recycled. For information on reusable nappies, please contact Warwickshire County Council on 01926 412593.

5. What happens to my recycling?

Mixed recycling is taken to a material recycling facility in Ettington where it is separated. Materials are then transported to reprocessing facilities where they are made into new products.

6. What happens to the contents of my green bin?

Garden and food waste is taken to an in-vessel composting plant at Ufton near Southam where the material is treated and turned into compost.

7. What happens to the contents of my grey refuse bin?

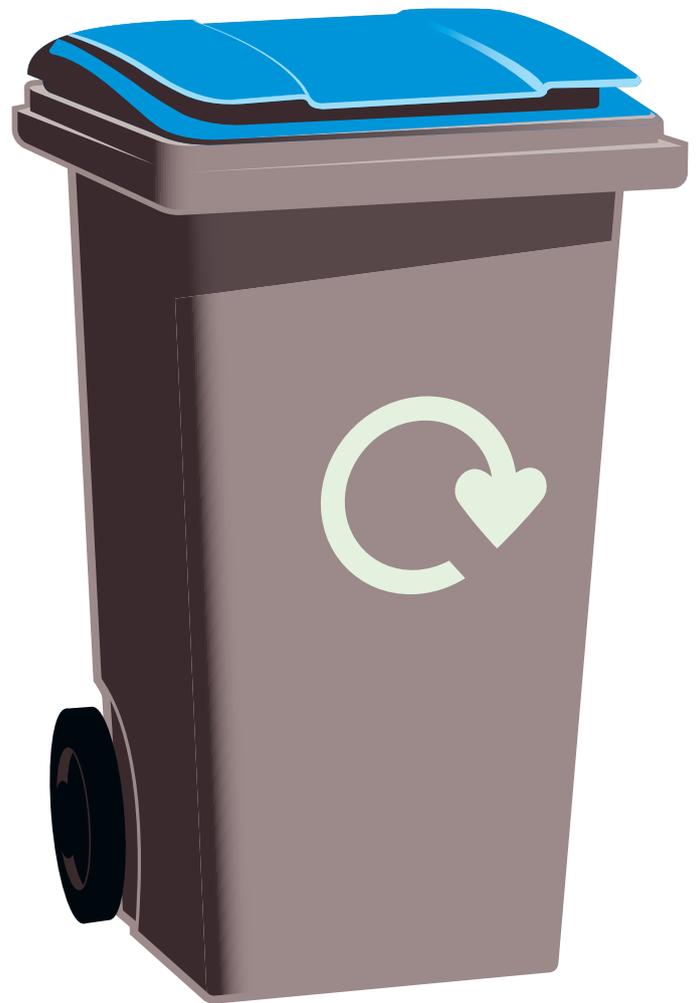
Refuse is either taken to a landfill site in Bubbenhall or an energy from waste facility at Coventry.

If you find the text in this leaflet difficult to read we may be able supply it in a format better suited to your needs



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Your Guide to the kerbside household waste and recycling collection service

We currently recycle or compost nearly 60% of household waste that is collected from households in the district. This puts us in the top 10 performing Councils in the country. With your help we can do even more.

We have listened to your comments and questions. This leaflet sets out detailed information about what you should put in each of your wheeled bins.

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Recycling Collection in your blue lidded bin

Please remember to put materials in loose and not in plastic bags. Do not put any plastic bags, black sacks or compostable bags in your blue-lidded recycling bin as these cannot currently be recycled.

YES PLEASE



- Newspapers & Magazines
- Envelopes
- Catalogues/directories
- Leaflets
- Scrap paper
- Cardboard packaging, boxes and tubes
- Corrugated cardboard
- Greetings cards

NO THANK YOU

- Tissue paper
- Waxed paper
- Books



- Bottles (with lids)
- Jars (with lids)

- Light bulbs
- Glass window panes
- Drinking glasses



- Drinks cans
- Food tins
- Biscuit tins

- Any other metal items



- Plastic drinks bottles
- Fruit punnets
- Microwave trays
- Yoghurt pots
- Margarine and ice cream tubs
- Large sweet containers
- Cleaning product containers (empty)

- Plastic bags / black sacks
- Compostable bags
- Cling film, film wrap and film lids
- Film lids
- Crisp packets and sweet wrappers
- Plant pots
- Coat hangers
- Expanded polystyrene



- Kitchen foil
- Pie and cake trays



- Deodorant cans
- Hair spray cans



- Soup cartons
- Fruit juice cartons
- Other tetrapak cartons

Please 'wash and squash' items and break larger cardboard boxes down to fit into the wheeled bin.

Please do not put any other types of plastic in your recycling bin as these cannot currently be recycled through this collection service.

IMPORTANT - No plastic bags or sacks, thank you.

Extra recycling can be put out for collection alongside your wheeled bin in a rigid plastic container or a cardboard box.

Composting Collection in your green lidded bin

YES PLEASE



- Grass cuttings
- Hedge cuttings
- Twigs, branches and small logs (maximum 10cm diameter)
- Christmas trees
- Plants, flowers, leaves and prunings
- Cut flowers and house plants
- Bark and wood shavings
- Animal bedding from vegetarian animals (e.g. rabbits)

NO THANK YOU

- Tree trunks and branches (over 10cm in diameter)
- Animal bedding (from meat eating animals)
- Plastic flowers
- Plastic / Non-compostable bags
- Plastic plant pots
- Stones, bricks and rubble
- Noxious weeds (e.g. Knotweed and Ragwort)
- Nappies
- Stones and rubble
- Large quantities of soil



- Any food waste

- Litter tray contents and pet waste (incl. cat and dog waste)

Refuse Collection

in your grey lidded bin

YES PLEASE



- Household waste that cannot go in your blue-lidded bin or green bin

NO THANK YOU

- Commercial or business waste
- Asbestos
- Paint

With any collection

in a tied, standard sized carrier bag placed next to your wheeled bin on your normal collection day

YES PLEASE



- Kettles, Toasters & Irons
- Hairdryers
- Clocks & Watches
- Calculators
- Remote controls
- Mobile phones
- Cameras
- Chargers
- Radios, MP3 & CD players
- Power tools
- Smoke detectors
- Small electronic toys (eg remote control cars)
- Small electrical items with a plug or batteries

NO THANK YOU

- Light bulbs
- Fluorescent tubes
- Televisions
- Computer monitors or laptops
- Large white goods (eg fridges & cookers)
- Anything that will not fit in a standard sized carrier bag



- Clothes
- Sheets
- Rags
- Towels & t-towels
- Curtains

- Pillows & duvets
- Footwear (please donate to charity or your grey bin)
- Anything that will not fit in a standard sized carrier bag



- Household batteries (all sizes)

- Car batteries