

 recycle for Aberdeenshire

Your new recycling service

All you
need to
know



You can help maintain local services by
recycling from all around your home -
a winning combination

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Changes to waste and recycling services

What's happening and why

- We are making improvements to your recycling and waste services so we can deliver these collections more efficiently, this means we can make savings which will help maintain other important local services.
- By making these changes we are also helping to move Scotland closer to more consistent recycling across the country, meaning no matter where you live, recycling services will be easier to use and understand.
- To maximise recycling, we are changing how often your bins are emptied, moving to a 3-weekly collection cycle.
- This means that one bin and a food waste caddy is emptied every week as follows:



Blue Lid Bin

Paper, card, & cardboard only.

Collected every three weeks.



Orange Lid Bin

Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, & trays, tins, cans, foil, aerosols, food & drinks cartons.

Collected every three weeks.



Black Lid Bin

Non-recyclable waste.

Collected every three weeks.

Food Waste Caddies

Cooked & uncooked food waste
Collected every week



Could you recycle more?

Around 70% of the waste we produce in Aberdeenshire is recyclable using our existing recycling services, however in 2021 we only managed to recycle 41%.

We are still putting too much recycling waste into our landfill bins.

Here's what goes in a typical non-recyclable waste bin in Aberdeenshire at the moment - **over half could be recycled if sorted correctly:**



As from Autumn 2023, all general waste will be sent to the energy from waste facility in Alten's, Aberdeen

Collected every 3 weeks

Paper, Card and Cardboard

(Blue lidded bin)



Yes

Paper

Clean and dry

- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Magazines, catalogues and directories
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Letters and envelopes (including windows)
- ✓ Office and shredded paper
- ✓ Paperback books - or take them to a charity shop
- ✓ Glitter free wrapping paper

Cardboard

Flattened

- ✓ Large and small cardboard boxes - For example cereal, detergent boxes and packaging
- ✓ Brown corrugated packaging
- ✓ Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- ✓ Glitter free greetings cards

No

- ✗ Tissues and napkins
- ✗ Padded envelopes
- ✗ Kitchen towels
- ✗ Cardboard contaminated with food
- ✗ Wallpaper
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Plastics, metals & cartons (Please use your new Orange Lidded Bin for these)



Top Tips!

Remove all plastic inserts and polystyrene.




1 Collect your paper, card & cardboard (flatten your cardboard).

2 Place your paper, card & cardboard into your blue lidded bin.



3 Place your blue lidded bin at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every three weeks.

 Paper and card can be recycled into new newspapers and packaging.

Collected every 3 weeks

Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, tins, cans, foil, aerosols, food and drinks cartons

(Orange lidded bin)

Only certain plastics and metals are accepted, please check the list below for details



Yes

Metals

Empty and rinsed

- ✓ Tins
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Empty aerosols
- ✓ Foil trays (clean)
- ✓ Aluminium foil (clean)
- ✓ Chocolate and biscuit tins
- ✓ Metal lids

Plastics

Rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Plastic food and drink bottles
- ✓ Plastic toiletry & cleaning bottles
- ✓ Plastic tablet and medicine bottles
- ✓ Pots, tubs and trays
- ✓ Lids and tops
- ✓ Yoghurt pots

Cartons

Rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Fruit juice, milk, soup and sauce cartons

No

- ✗ Plastic bags, liners and cling-film
- ✗ Bubble wrap
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Plastic wrappers
- ✗ Crisp bags & biscuit wrappers
- ✗ Plastic netting
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Items contaminated with food
- ✗ Oil & paint tins
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Glittery or metallic wrapping paper



Did you know...?

Plastic film and crisp packets can be recycled at most supermarkets.



1 Rinse your metals, and rinse and squash your plastics and cartons.

2 Place your plastics, metals & cartons into your orange lidded bin.



3 Place your orange lidded bin at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every three weeks.

Metals, plastics and cartons can be recycled into new aerosols, plastic bottles, tins and cans.

Collected every week

Food caddies

All types of food waste
- cooked and uncooked.



Yes

- ✓ ALL cooked and uncooked food waste
- ✓ Leftovers and plate scrapings
- ✓ Peelings
- ✓ Out of date food (unpackaged)
- ✓ Pasta, bread, cereal and pastries
- ✓ Meat, fish, bones, eggs and shells
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Pet food

No

- ✗ Liquids or oils
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Food packaging

Need more liners?

Simply tie an unused liner to your outdoor caddy handle and we will leave a new supply on your next collection day.





1 Put any cooked or uncooked, unavoidable food waste into your indoor caddy.

2 When the liner is almost full, tie and remove it. Replace with a new liner.



3 Place the full liner into your outdoor caddy.

4 Place your outdoor caddy at the kerbside on your collection day and we will empty it every week.



5 Your food waste is taken to a local composting plant.

6 Before being processed into compost.

Collected every 3 weeks

Black Bin

All non-recyclable waste

As from Autumn 2023, all general waste will be sent to the energy from waste facility in Alten's, Aberdeen.

**Non-recyclable
waste collection is
now every
3 weeks**

Yes

- ✓ Items that cannot be recycled
- ✓ Polystyrene packaging
- ✓ Plastic film
- ✓ Nappies

No

- ✗ Any item that can be recycled

Are you recycling correctly?

The waste in your black bin is sent to landfill. We have discovered that for the average household, 66% of this waste could have been recycled but was landfilled at a cost to Aberdeenshire Council.

Never put batteries in your waste bin, always remember to remove them from toys, etc. and recycle them separately from your household rubbish to prevent them from being crushed and causing a fire



Glass and textiles



You can recycle all colours of glass and textiles at your local recycling point - find out where your nearest one is by visiting [Glass and textiles recycling points - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Lids and tops can be put back on - there is no need to remove labels.



1 Rinse your glass jars to remove any food residue.

2 Recycle glass bottles and jars at your local recycling point or centre.



1 Tie shoes in pairs and place items in a plastic bag.

2 Recycle clothes, shoes, bags, belts, towels and bed linen at your local recycling point. Other types of textiles can be taken to charity shops.

Household batteries



If you need more battery bags, attach an empty battery bag to any bin and we will leave you a new supply. Please **do not** leave out loose batteries - always use a bag.



- 1** Place your household batteries, including mobile phone and laptop batteries, in the battery recycling bag.
- 2** Leave the bag on top of either your non-recyclable waste or blue-lidded recycling bin on your collection day.

Home composting of Garden Waste

Composting your waste is a cheap, natural process. It allows you to recycle your kitchen and garden waste into valuable food for your garden.

For more information can be found here:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/homecomposter>

Recycling centres and seasonal garden waste collection points

Recycling centres are located across Aberdeenshire - for address details, opening hours and materials that can be recycled please visit aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste

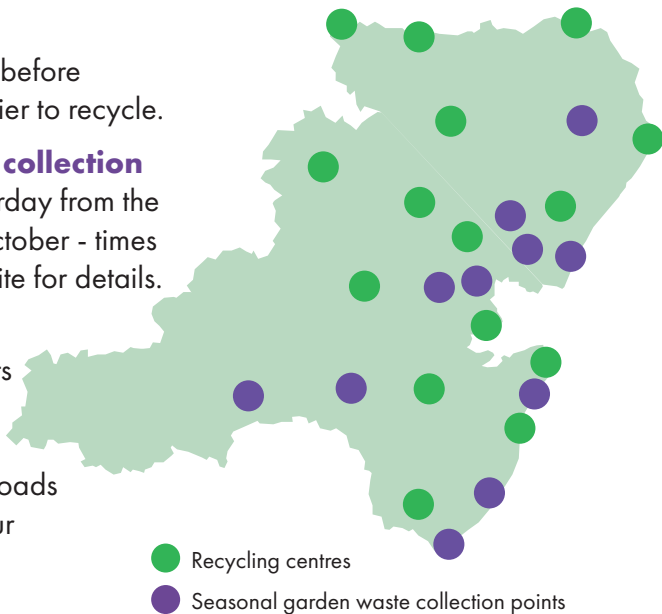
You can take the following materials to recycling centres - materials vary by centre so please check the website before making the journey:

- ✓ Batteries (household)
- ✓ Batteries (car)
- ✓ Blue bin recycling
- ✓ Cooking oil
- ✓ Electrical appliances
- ✓ Engine oil
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes (including energy saving bulbs)
- ✓ Garden waste
- ✓ Gas cylinders
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Plasterboard
- ✓ Rubble and ceramics
- ✓ Scrap metal
- ✓ Soil and turf
- ✓ Textiles (clothes and shoes, bags, belts, towels and bed linen)
- ✓ Wood (including treated)
- ✓ Re-use (furniture and household goods)
- ✓ Non-recyclable waste

Always separate your waste before visiting the site to make it easier to recycle.

Seasonal garden waste collection points are open every Saturday from the start of April to the end of October - times vary, please check our website for details.

For operational reasons the seasonal garden waste points are for small quantities of garden waste only. Please take larger items and trailer loads of loose garden waste to your local recycling centre.





donate, swap, sell, buy

Every year in Scotland many potentially re-useable items are sent to landfill.

There are great re-use organisations in the region that offer alternative ways to dispose of your unwanted items whilst helping your local community and reducing the volume and cost of waste sent to landfill.

If you have large items at home that you no longer need and are still in good condition, the Re-use Line can arrange for a local.

Re-use organisation to collect them for free. Fill out the online form at www.reuseline.com

Schemes currently running in Aberdeenshire: **Re-use schemes - Aberdeenshire Council**

Why re-use?

- You'll be benefiting your local community and charitable organisations by supporting employment and volunteering opportunities.
- You'll be helping to reduce the amount of items being sent to landfill, reducing the environmental impact of waste.
- You'll be saving your Local Authority in landfill disposal costs; money which can be better spent in your community.
- Please check website for local re-use opportunities.



Furniture is a great example of what can be re-used.

Frequently asked questions...

Can I recycle electrical items?

There are a number of ways in which electrical goods can be recycled.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive sets targets for increasing the recycling rate for electrical goods.



Remove any batteries before taking to the recycling centre

www.council.gov.uk/recycle
recycle@council.gov.uk

Many companies that sell electrical goods will now also take away your old appliances when they deliver the new one.

Some charity shops will also accept electrical goods.

Why don't you accept plastic bags for recycling?

Plastic bags are made of a range of lower-value plastics which are difficult to sort and re-process, they can contaminate other materials and become entangled in the sorting machinery. Re-use your carrier bags or take them to a supermarket that has a recycling collection for bags.



Nappies can only go in the black bin!



Need anything else?

Additional non-recyclable waste bin

Any household can request an extra bin. An assessment is required to check that you are using the recycling services (including food waste) and meet the criteria for additional non-recyclable waste bins. You will also need to pay a delivery charge.

Additional blue-lidded and orange-lidded recycling bins

Additional recycling bins are available free of charge.

Additional food waste caddy

You can collect food waste caddies free of charge from a recycling centre.

Assisted collections

If there is nobody at your house who is able to put your bin out for collection, we can provide an assisted collection service.

Bulky uplift

We provide a collection service for items which, due to their sheer size, do not fit into wheeled bins. This is a chargeable service and cannot be used for bags of waste or recycling. If you have large items that are still in good condition, you can have them collected by the Re-use Line, see reuseline.com for more information, or a local charity shop.

Battery Bags and Food Waste Bags

Are available from your collection crew.

Strap to keep bin lid shut

In many areas, recycling bins already have a strap over the lid to keep them closed, in case bins topple over in the wind. You can collect a strap free of charge from a recycling centre or service point.

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