

Did you know?

- Sending waste to landfill creates harmful gases which damage our environment. Recycling reduces these gases and costs less to process.
- Emptying and rinsing plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays helps improve their recycling quality.
- No plastic bags. They can break the machines at the recycling plant!
- Putting the wrong items in your recycling bins may result in the whole load being sent to landfill as it becomes contaminated.
- Find out where your nearest recycling bin is online at edinburgh.gov.uk/wheretorecycle
- Leaving items or bin bags beside the bin or on the street is illegal. If a bin is full you should use the next available one and report it to us online edinburgh.gov.uk/overflowingbin
- You can find out what happens to your recycling online at edinburgh.gov.uk/myrecycling

Large items

If you have large unwanted items eg furniture, white goods, carpets and mattresses, there are lots of easy ways to reuse or recycle them.

- Contact the National Re-use Phonenumber and have a charity collect reusable items for free 0800 0665 820
- Use our special uplift service (£5 charge per item) edinburgh.gov.uk/recycle
- Take it to one of our community recycling services for free where it will be sorted for recycling

Bankhead Avenue, Sighthill, EH11 4EA

Fillyside Road, Seafield, EH7 6RD

Old Dalkeith Road, Craigmillar, EH16 4TB



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How to recycle



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What to put in communal recycling bins

Paper recycling: blue lidded bins

Yes please

- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Envelopes and unwanted mail
- ✓ Wrapping paper (*not metallic*)
- ✓ Printed and shredded paper
- ✓ Other types of white paper

No thanks

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Wrappers, crisp bags or photographs
- ✗ Polystyrene

Packaging recycling: green lidded bins

Yes please

- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Clean plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- ✓ Clean cans and tins
- ✓ Drink cartons eg juice/milk cartons
- ✓ Empty aerosols and foil

Remember:

Rinse your plastics, cans and tins and put your recycling in the green and blue bins loose.

Only food waste can be bagged!

No thanks

- ✗ Plastic bags or glass
- ✗ Wrappers, crisp bags or photographs
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Plastic toys or plant pots

Glass recycling: purple lidded bins

Yes please

- ✓ Clean glass bottles (*all colours*)
- ✓ Clean glass jars (*all colours*)

No thanks

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Light bulbs, glass dishes, broken glass, ceramics, pyrex and window panes

Food recycling: grey lidded bins

Food must be bagged in either a compostable liner or carrier bag. Liners are available at libraries for £1 per roll or at supermarkets.

Yes please

- ✓ All cooked and uncooked food
- ✓ Pasta, rice and bread
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables (*including peelings*)
- ✓ Meat and bones
- ✓ Eggs and egg shells
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds

No thanks

- ✗ Liquids (including milk and cooking oil)
- ✗ Food packaging
- ✗ Animal waste or bedding

Mixed recycling: green lidded bins

Yes please

- ✓ Paper, cardboard and envelopes
- ✓ Cans/tins
- ✓ Drink cartons
- ✓ Clean plastic bottles, pots tubs and trays
- ✓ Empty aerosols and foil

No thanks

- ✗ Plastic bags or glass
- ✗ Wrappers, crisp bags or photographs
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Plastic toys or plant pots

Landfill bin: black lidded bins

This bin is for household waste only that can't be recycled.

Only put items you can't recycle in this bin. Do not leave items or bin bags beside the bin or on the street – it's illegal.