

Did you know?

- Sending waste to landfill creates harmful gases which damage our environment. Recycling reduces these gases and costs less to process.
- Bins and boxes are collected between 6am and 10pm. Please put them out by 6am on your collection day and remove them from the street when they're empty.
- You can download your bin collection calendar online www.edinburgh.gov.uk/bindays
- We can't recycle plastic bags in your green or brown wheelie bins. They can break the machines at the recycling plant!
- Emptying and rinsing plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays helps improve their recycling quality.
- Putting the wrong items in your recycling bins/boxes may result in the whole load being sent to landfill as it becomes contaminated.
- 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 or DIY waste, 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 centres where it will be sorted for recycling:

- Bankhead Avenue, Sighthill, EH11 4EA
- Fillyside Road, Seafield, EH7 6RD
- Old Dalkeith Road, Craigmillar, EH16 4TB

Dumping items on public or private land, or leaving them beside communal bins is illegal.



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How to recycle



What to put in your recycling bins and box

Green wheelie bin: mixed recycling

Yes please

- ✓ Paper and unwanted mail
- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Clean plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- ✓ Clean cans, tins, foil and empty aerosols
- ✓ Envelopes

No thanks

- ✗ Plastic bags, wrappers, crisp bags, clingfilm
- ✗ Plastic plant pots and toys
- ✗ Glass

Blue box: glass and small electricals

Yes please

- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Small electrical items placed on top or next to the box (eg hairdryers and toasters)
- ✓ Household batteries (placed inside a clear bag and on top of box)
- ✓ Clothing, towels, clean sheets, pairs of shoes (placed inside a plastic bag)

No thanks

- ✗ Light bulbs, glass dishes, broken glass, ceramics, pyrex
- ✗ Large electrical items (eg microwaves or larger items)
- ✗ Duvets and pillows

Grey food caddy: cooked and uncooked food

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

Yes please

- ✓ Beans, pasta, rice and bread
- ✓ Cakes and bakery items
- ✓ Dairy items, eggs and egg shells
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables (including peelings)
- ✓ Meat and fish (including bones)
- ✓ Fast food (eg chips and pizzas)
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds

No thanks

- ✗ Liquids (including milk and cooking oil)
- ✗ Food packaging

Brown wheelie bin: gardening waste

Yes please

- ✓ Flowers, plants and weeds
- ✓ Grass cuttings and leaves
- ✓ Hedge clippings, twigs and small branches

No thanks

- ✗ Christmas trees (please cut in half and place beside your brown garden bin)
- ✗ Animal waste and bedding
- ✗ Plant pots
- ✗ Soil and turf

Grey landfill bin

This bin is for household waste only that can't be recycled. Do not leave items or bin bags beside the bin or on the street - it's illegal.