

# Frequently asked questions

## 1. Can plastic bags be recycled?

Plastic bags cannot be currently recycled through the process the Council uses. However plastic bags can be recycled at specially-marked recycling bins at the front of most supermarkets.

## 2. What can I put my food waste in?

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. Food waste can also be wrapped in newspaper as an alternative to buying bags.

## 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 still struggling, please contact us.

## 4. What do we do with nappies?

Disposable and biodegradable 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 the energy from waste facility in Coventry.

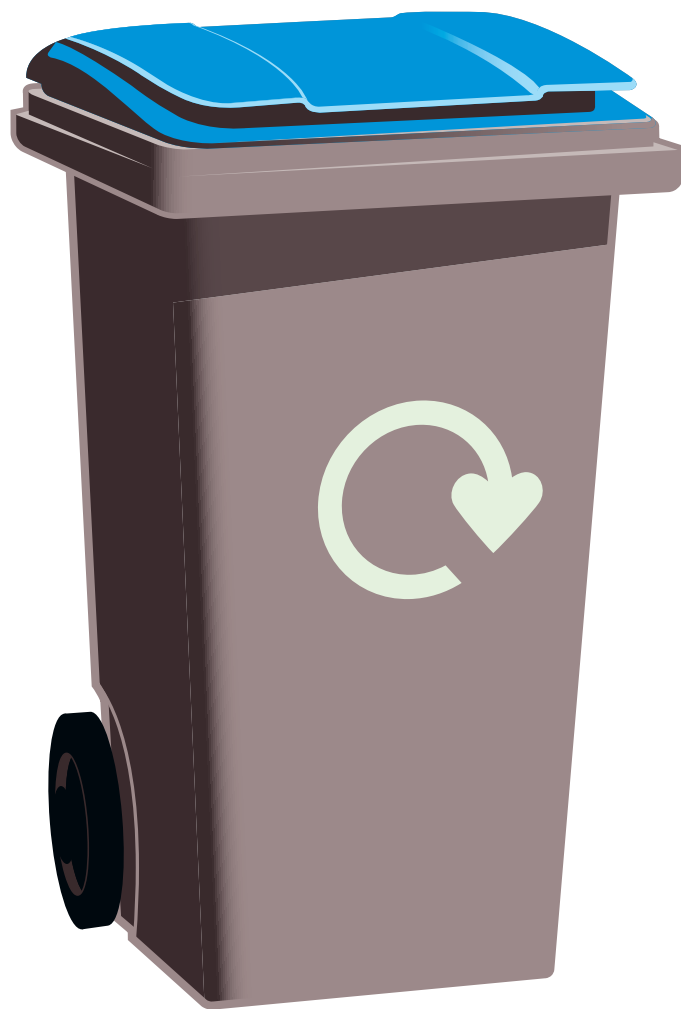
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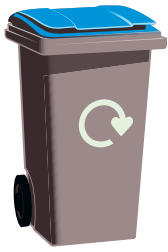


## Your Guide to the kerbside household waste and recycling collection service

We currently recycle or compost almost 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.

This leaflet sets out detailed information about what you should put in each of your wheeled bins.

 recycle for Stratford District



## Recycling Collection in your blue lidded bin

Please do not put any plastic bags, black sacks, plastic film or compostable sacks in your blue lidded bin as we currently cannot recycle these items.

**Please note your blue lidded bin may not be collected if any of the non-recyclable items are found in it.**

Wash and squash recyclables to avoid your bin smelling and increase space in your bin. It is not essential to remove, lids from jars, labels from cans or plastic bottles.

YES PLEASE	NO THANK YOU
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newspapers &amp; Magazines</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Envelopes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catalogues/directories</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leaflets</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrap paper</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cardboard packaging, boxes and tubes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corrugated cardboard</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greetings cards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tissue paper</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Waxed paper</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Books</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bottles (with lids)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jars (with lids)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light bulbs</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glass window panes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drinking glasses</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Broken crockery</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drinks cans</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food tins</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biscuit tins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any other metal items</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic drinks bottles</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fruit punnets</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microwave trays</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yoghurt pots</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margarine and ice cream tubs</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large sweet containers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleaning product containers (empty)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic bags / black sacks</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compostable bags</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cling film, film wrap and film lids</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children's plastic toys</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crisp packets and sweet wrappers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plant pots</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coat hangers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expanded polystyrene</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kitchen foil</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pie and cake trays</li> </ul>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All empty household aerosol spray cans</li> </ul>	
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soup cartons</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fruit juice cartons</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other tetrapak cartons</li> </ul>	

### **IMPORTANT – No plastic bags or sacks, thank you**


If possible please break down larger cardboard boxes to fit into the blue lidded bin.

Extra recycling can be put out for collection alongside your blue lidded bin on collection days in a rigid container or a cardboard box. Recyclables left in a plastic bag will not be taken.

## Composting Collection in your green lidded bin




YES PLEASE	NO THANK YOU
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grass cuttings</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hedge cuttings</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twigs, branches and small logs (maximum 10cm diameter)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christmas trees</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plants, flowers, leaves and prunings</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cut flowers and house plants</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bark and wood shavings</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal bedding from vegetarian animals (e.g. rabbits)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tree trunks and branches (over 10cm in diameter)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Animal bedding (from meat eating animals)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic flowers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic / Non-compostable bags</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plastic plant pots</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stones, bricks and rubble</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noxious weeds (e.g. Knotweed and Ragwort)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nappies or bio degradable nappies</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large quantities of soil</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any food waste</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Litter tray contents and pet waste (incl. cat and dog waste)</li> </ul>

## Refuse Collection in your grey lidded bin

YES PLEASE	NO THANK YOU
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Household waste that cannot go in your blue-lidded bin or green bin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial or business waste</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asbestos</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paint</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hot ash</li> </ul>

## Textiles, batteries and small electrical goods

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

YES PLEASE	NO THANK YOU
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kettles, Toasters &amp; Irons</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hairdryers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clocks &amp; Watches</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calculators</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Remote controls</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile phones</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cameras</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chargers</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radios, MP3 &amp; CD players</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power tools</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Smoke detectors</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small electronic toys (eg remote control cars)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small electrical items with a plug or batteries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light bulbs</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fluorescent tubes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Televisions</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Computer monitors or laptops</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Large white goods (eg fridges &amp; cookers)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anything that will not fit in a standard sized carrier bag</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clothes</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheets</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rags</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towels &amp; t-towels</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Curtains</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired shoes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pillows &amp; duvets</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anything that will not fit in a standard sized carrier bag</li> </ul>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Household batteries (all sizes)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car batteries</li> </ul>

**For all other items not listed please contact us on 01789 260616 or visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/azrecycling](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/azrecycling) for more information.**