Recycling from home
A guide to your recycling and waste services
Green box

**Used for:** Recyclable materials  **Collected:** Weekly from 7am

Great news! There is no limit to the amount you can recycle

**You can include...**

- **Cartons**
  All food and drink cartons including Tetra packs

- **Cans**
  All food and drink cans

- **Foil**
  Foil and take-away trays

- **Aerosols**
  Empty aerosols only with lids removed

- **Lids**
  Metal (eg from jars) and plastic

**Cardboard**

All cardboard (remember to remove tape). To help ensure it will all fit in the collection vehicle, see our tips below:

- Excess cardboard can be placed next to the green box
- Brown paper, eg envelopes, can be placed within a cardboard box
- Flattened cardboard can be placed within another cardboard box to hold it together

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Hello

Here's a guide to your recycling & waste services.
Before you start, there are a few things to remember:

- Place all bins outside your property so they can be seen
- Mark all bins with your house number or name
- Keep all bin lids shut for safety
Don’t forget to rinse, squash and flatten as many materials as possible (unless otherwise stated). Why? To ensure it will all fit in the collection vehicle and to prevent cross-contamination as dirty materials may not be sent for recycling.

Plastic bottles
All bottles including lids and caps. See below for a list of examples:
- Bottles from the kitchen, eg milk, squash, cola and ketchup
- Bottles from the bathroom, eg shampoo, cleanser and shower gel
- Bottles from under the sink, eg bleach and washing-up liquid

Plastic packaging
Clear and coloured plastic packaging. See below for a list of examples:
- Pots, eg yoghurt
- Take-away containers, eg curry
- Trays, eg meat, fruit, food and biscuit trays
- Tubs, eg ice-cream and margarine

Tip: Close or cover your green and black boxes on windy days to stop materials blowing away. You can get nets from bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling.

You can’t include...
- Black plastic, eg food trays and tubs. Why not? The reprocessor’s machinery cannot detect or sort it from other colours.
- Black bin liners
- Bubble wrap
- Cellophane
- Cling film
- Crisp packets
- Hard plastics, eg flower pots, toys, videos, CDs and drain pipes
- Polystyrene
- Plastic bags
- Plastic drink pouches
- Pet food pouches

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**You can include...**

- **Paper**
  All white and coloured paper apart from brown paper. Please place shredded paper in a paper bag or envelope

- **Directories**
  Including Yellow Pages

- **Glass**
  All glass bottles and jars

- **Spectacles**
  All types

- **Engine oil**
  Keep in a sealed container

- **Batteries**
  Keep them together in a small bag

- **Car batteries**
  Place next to your box

- **Shoes**
  Tie shoes in pairs

- **Textiles**
  Dry, clean, usable clothes, sheets, curtains and blankets

  * Bag, tie up and label these items to keep them dry and to help our collection team identify them.

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**You can’t include...**

- Broken glass
- Drinking glasses
- Pyrex
- Window glass
- Cooking oil
- Foil wrapping paper
- Leaking batteries
- Light bulbs
- Plastic drink pouches
- Pet food pouches
- Rags, pillows, duvets, carpets or rugs
- Wet/damp textiles
- Single shoes
- Tissues, toilet/kitchen roll
- Wallpaper

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Brown bin & caddy

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You can include...

All cooked and uncooked food
- Coffee grounds, tea bags/leaves
- Egg shells
- Fruit and vegetable peelings/waste
- Meat, fish and bones
- Plate scrapings
- Bread, pasta, rice and cereals
- Cheese and dairy products

You can’t include...

- General household waste
- Garden waste
- Flowers and plants
- Plastic bags
- Cardboard
- Compostable packaging

Or anything else that should be placed in your green and black recycling boxes.

Tip: Line and regularly rinse out your caddy to keep it clean.

Other things to know...

If you’re not sure how to use both brown bins, follow the steps below:

01 Keep the smaller caddy in your kitchen.
02 Line the caddy with newspaper, a compostable liner or a carrier bag.
03 Put all your food waste in the caddy.
04 Tie the liner/bag or roll up the newspaper and drop it in your food waste bin.
05 Place the larger brown bin with your kerbside recycling for collection.
**Green wheelie**

**Used for:** Garden waste

**Collected:** Every two weeks from 7am (if pre-arranged)

- You can include...
  - Weeds
  - Grass cuttings
  - Flowers, plants and leaves
  - Hedge prunings
  - Twigs and bark
  - Branches (up to 10cm/4” in diameter)
  - Straw or sawdust (bedding from vegetarian animals such as rabbits)

- You can’t include...
  - Japanese knotweed
  - Cardboard *
  - Food waste *
  - Stone and rubble
  - Soil, compost and turf
  - Plant pots or plastic bags
  - Treated wood
  - Cat and dog waste
  - General household waste

**Black wheelie**

**Used for:** Materials that can’t be recycled

**Collected:** Every two weeks from 7am (in most areas)

- You can include...
  - Any waste that cannot be recycled such as black plastic, plastic wrappers/film, cat litter or tissues.

- You can’t include...
  - Waste that can be recycled in the following;
    - Green box
    - Black box
    - Brown bins (Food waste)
    - Green wheelie (Garden waste)
    - Household Waste Recycling Centre

**Other things to know...**

The **green wheelie** is a **charged for service**. To find out more on costs or other services, visit our website www.bristolwastecompany.co.uk
You can bring the following for...

**Recycling**
- Carpets
- Cooking oil
- Fridges and freezers
- Garden waste
- Hardcore and rubble
- Large electrical appliances
- Large plastic items, eg garden chairs
- Plasterboard
- Rags
- Scrap metal
- Small appliances
- Soil
- TVs and monitors
- Tyres
- Wood and timber

**Safe disposal**
- Fluorescent tubes
- Garden chemicals
- Household chemicals
- Low energy bulbs
- Paint
- Household hazardous waste, eg asbestos*

* Please check our website before visiting a HWRC.

**Reuse**
- Gas bottles

You can’t bring...

- Commercial waste*

* We provide commercial waste disposal facilities at our Avonmouth Transfer Station. Contact commercial@bristolwastecompany.co.uk or 0800 061 4321 for details.

Other things to know...

**Locations**

- **Avonmouth:** Kings Weston Lane, BS11 0YS
- **St Philips:** Folly Lane, off Days Road, BS2 0QS

**Opening times**

- Summer 8am-6.45pm
  After the clocks go forward
- Winter 8am-4.15pm
  After the clocks go back

Tip: All HWRCs will be closed on 25th/26th Dec and 1st Jan, check our website for full details.
Getting help with your collections
If you are an elderly or disabled person, or temporarily in need of help,
you can request help with lifting and carrying your bins and boxes.
Get in touch and we’ll find the best way to help and arrange
a designated collection point from your property.

Bulky waste
If you have large items which you need to dispose of, such as fridges,
cookers or sofas, please visit bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling (there is a
charge for this service).

Small electrical appliances
These can be recycled at home. Put unwanted/broken items and
mobile phones next to your recycling boxes. Items must be small
enough to fit into a standard supermarket carrier bag.

Broken or Missing Bins?
If your bins are broken or missing, contact us and we can replace them
free of charge.

Get in touch
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