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Guide to Recycling in Oxford



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Oxford City Council operates a comprehensive refuse removal and recycling collection system for local residents. Households are issued with a green wheeled bin for non-recyclable waste; blue wheeled bins and boxes for recycling; a large and small food waste caddy; and they can subscribe to a brown bin garden waste collection service.

Note: Batteries and small electricals can also be recycled by placing them in a clear plastic bag on top of any bin lid on collection day.

The bins and boxes are collected from the kerbside any time after 7am on designated days. Oxford is divided into two zones for the purposes of scheduling waste collections.

[Click here to find out when collections will take place at your address.](#)

Replacement or additional bins/boxes can be requested from the Council by calling 01865 249811 or email to recycling@oxford.gov.uk

Household Recycling



Household waste which is acceptable for recycling should be deposited (loose, not in

bags) into the supplied blue wheeled bin or blue/green plastic box.

The table below lists the items accepted and not accepted in your recycling bin/box.

Recyclable Material Type	 Yes Please	 No Thanks
 plastic bottles   household plastic packaging 	PLASTIC	

- Drinks bottles
- Milk bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Cleaning product bottles
- Bottle tops
- Bubble wrap
- Yoghurt, margarine, ice cream containers
- Food pots, punnets, trays and packaging
- Sandwich packaging
- Plant pots and trays
- Plastic bags
- Cling film
- Polystyrene foam
- Plastic toys/gadgets
- Confectionery wrappers
- Crisp packets
- Black bin liners
- Plastic film (except cling film)



- Glass bottles
- Glass jars
- Window panes and mirrors
- Glass cookware



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- Aerosols (fully discharged)
- Aluminium drinks cans
- Aluminium foil
- Metal lids and bottle tops
- Biscuit/sweet tins
- Metal food tins
- Food-soiled items



- Newspapers and magazines
- White and coloured office paper
- Clean cardboard
- Greetings cards
- Cardboard labels
- Egg boxes
- Inner tubes from toilet and kitchen paper
- Junk mail
- Paperback books
- Brochures and catalogues
- Wrapping paper
- Art paper
- Directories (inc Yellow Pages)
- Envelopes (inc windows)
- Kitchen and tissue paper (even clean)
- Jiffy bags
- Glued or painted paper



- Longlife milk cartons
- Juice cartons
- Food cartons (rinsed)

OTHER

- [Batteries](#) (place batteries in a clear plastic bag such as a sandwich bag on top of either the green or blue bin on collection day)
- [Small electricals](#) (place in a standard sized carrier bag and place onto of your blue or green bin on collection day)
- Chinaware
- Textiles, clothing or bedding
- Mobile phones
- Electrical items
- Light bulbs and strip lights

Residents are requested to rinse out bottles, jars, cartons and cans, and squash them where possible to save room on the collection lorry.

Food Waste Recycling



Food waste in lockable caddies is collected for recycling (composting) from the kerbside from all households in Oxford once a week (on the same day as the blue recycling bins are emptied).

Food waste recycling not only produces high quality compost but also energy to power 8,000 homes in Oxfordshire! For more information see the [Agrivert website](#).

Each household is supplied with a 7-litre green food caddy for use in the kitchen, and a 23 litre caddy to be kept outside and used for collection.

During food preparation and clearing up in the kitchen, householders can put any raw, uncooked food and leftovers directly into the small caddy (which can be lined with compostable bags or newspaper if desired). When the small caddy is full the contents can be decanted into the large caddy outside, which will then be ready for collection by 7am on the appointed day.

What goes in the Food Caddy?

✓ Yes Please

						
bread & pastries	dairy	meat & bones	fish	fruit & vegetables	food waste	tea & coffee grounds

Bread cakes and pastries

Dairy - e.g. eggs/cheese

Meat and bones

Fish - raw and cooked

Fruit and vegetables

Plate scrapings and leftovers

Tea and coffee grounds

✗ No Thanks



household waste	plastic bags	mixed glass bottles & jars	plastic packaging	soil	cooking oil	wood & timber
Non-food products	Plastic bags (don't use as liners)	Glass of any kind	Packaging of any sort	Soil	Oils and liquids	Wood and timber

Garden Waste Recycling Collection Service



Oxford City Council provides a garden waste collection service for an annual subscription of currently £44.00 (reductions for payment by direct debit).

Residents can [join the service online](#). A brown wheeled bin of either 140 or 240 litre capacity is supplied in which to deposit garden waste.

What can/can't be put into your brown bin:

✓ Yes Please	✗ No Thanks
Branches (no more than 5cm/2" diameter)	Soil or rubble
Flowers	Flower pots
Garden prunings	Logs
Garden waste	Food waste
Grass cuttings	Glass of any kind
Hedge trimmings	Paper, card or cardboard
Leaves, plants and weeds	Plastic of any kind
Small shrubs	Metal cans or foil of any kind
	Cartons of any kind

Bulky Waste Removal Service

Oxford City Council offers two free collections a year of bulky household goods such as furniture, white goods, fridges and freezers from residential properties. The removal is limited to three items per visit. The Council endeavours to recycle as much of the bulky waste collections as possible, and disposes of the rest.

To request a collection telephone 01865 249811.

Items for collection must be placed in a visible, accessible position outside the property.

The following items qualify for the Bulky Waste Collection service:

- Washing machine
- Dish washer
- Tumble dryer
- Microwave
- Cooker
- Hob
- Bicycles
- Fridges
- Freezers
- Televisions
- Computers
- Screens
- Furniture

Items which cannot be collected as part of the service include:

Asbestos	Laminate Flooring
Air Conditioning Units	Petrol Lawn Mowers
Baths	Mirrors from built in wardrobes - this does not included mirrors on wardrobe doors. These types of mirrors and wall hanging mirrors must be wrapped in newspaper and taped down to prevent shattering when crushed.
BBQ's - Gas, Electrical and drum BBQ's	Oil - Cooking Oil, Car, Diesel
Black Bags - must specify what is in a bag, collection of general rubbish is not allowed on the Bulky Service.	Paint
Boilers	Paving Slabs
Bricks	Photo Copiers
Building Rubble	Pianos
Car Parts	Planks of Wood
Cardboard - large amounts must be flat packed and placed out on the blue box collection day	Polystyrene
Ceiling/Plaster Board	Radiators

Cast Iron items / Iron made	Roof guttering/down pipes
Carpet or carpet underlay	Rubbish Bags - must specify what is in a bag, collection of general rubbish is not allowed on the Bulky Service.
Concrete	Sheds
Copper Piping	Sun Tanning Beds
Doors - internal or external	Sinks - kitchen or bathroom
Down Pipes	Storage Heaters - only if the heating bricks are removed, we will not collect the bricks
Ladders	Tiles - wall or floor
Exercise equipment - depending if it is made of aluminium or steel and if can be lifted	Toilets
Fencing Panels	Tyres
Gas Bottles	Water Heating Boilers
Large garden waste that will not fit into the bin/sack e.g. trees or bushes see our garden wastepage for more details	Windows
Garages and Garage Doors	Wooden Flooring
Heating Boilers	
Kitchen Work Tops or Units	

Charitable Re-use

There are organisations which gladly accept large items which are still in good condition so that they can be re-used. These include:

Oxford Freecycle	A group open to all in the Oxford area who would prefer to recycle to others, rather than throw away unwanted items https://www.freecycle.org/
Emmaus Oxford	Collect donated re-usable furniture, electrical appliances and other household items from most Oxfordshire locations (and some others near Oxford) and sell these to residents in Oxford with low incomes. For more details, phone Emmaus on 01865 763698 (9:30am-12:30pm Monday-Friday) or email furniture@emmausoxford.org .
Orinoco	The Oxfordshire Scrapstore
British Heart Foundation	It's easy to donate your unwanted items to us and help raise vital funds. You can drop them off at your local shop, fill a doorstep donation bag or book a free collection for furniture and large electrical items

Redbridge Household Recycling Centre

Residents of Oxford who wish to dispose of items that cannot be collected, or have an excess of waste to discard, can deposit these at the [Redbridge Household Recycling Centre](#) (tip), which is run by the Oxfordshire County Council, or one of several recycling banks in and around the city.

The Recycling Centre is at Old Abingdon Road, Oxford, OX1 4XG. [See it on a map.](#)

The centre is open from 8am to 5pm seven days a week, including bank holidays. There is late night opening until 8pm on Thursdays between 1 April and 30 September.

Redbridge recycles many items that are not currently collected at the kerbside, including computers, car batteries, wood, rubble, car oil and furniture. Tyres and DIY waste may be charged for.

[Click here for an A-Z list of what can be recycled at the Redbridge Recycling Centre](#) (and all other Recycling Centres run by the Oxfordshire County Council).

The Recycling Centre is for domestic use only. If you use a van or trailer to take household waste to Redbridge you will require a free permit to use the facility. [Permits are issued by the Oxfordshire County Council - apply online.](#)

Oxford Recycling banks

In addition to kerbside collections and the Redbridge Recycling Centre, Oxford is also well supplied with recycling "bring banks" in various locations where goods can be deposited in the designated on-site recycling bins.

The following table gives the location of the banks and the items catered for at each:

Location	Glasses	Cans	Plastics	Paper	Textiles	Media (books, CDs, DVDs)	Small Electricals
Atkyns Road Shops, Atkyns Road, Wood Farm, OX3 8RA	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes
Cambridge Terrace, Albion Place, OX1 1RR	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes
Cardigan Street, Jericho, OX2 6BW	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Evenlode Tower, Blackbird Leys Road, OX4 6JA	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ferry Hinksey Road, OX2 0BY	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ferry Leisure Centre, Ferry Pool Road OX2 7DP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Friars Wharf, Trinity Street, OX1 1RU	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes
Hawksmoor Road, Jackson Road, OX2 7UF	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	
Hockmore Tower, Pound Way, OX4 3YG	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes
Longford Close, Whitehouse Road, OX1	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	

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Mill Road, Wolvercote, OX2 8PQ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Pear Tree Park and Ride, OX2 8JD	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Redbridge Park and Ride, OX1 4XG	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	
Sainsburys, Heyford Hill, OX4 4XR	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes
St Nicholas Road, Littlemore, OX4 4PW					Yes	Yes	
Tesco Car Park, Oxford Retail Park, OX4 6XJ	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tesco Car Park, Union Street, OX4 1UT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Townsend Square, Donnington Bridge Road, OX4 4BB	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		
Underhill Circus, Barton, OX39LS	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Waitrose Car Park, Old High Street, Headington, OX3 9JT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Westlands Drive, Northway, OX3 9RA	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Council Depot Marsh Road, Cowley, OX4 2HH					Yes		Yes

Know your symbols

Plastic recycling symbols

These symbols identify the type of plastic used in identify the type of plastic used in a packaging.



PETE Polyethylene Terephthalate found in Soft drink bottles & Cooking oil bottles - recycled into Pillow stuffing & Carpets.



HDPE **High Density Polyethylene** found in Milk bottles, Shampoo bottles & Yogurt containers - recycled into Playground equipment & bottles.



PVC found in Water bottles & Detergent bottles - recycled into Floor tiles, Bubble wrap & Traffic cones.



LDPE **Low Density Polyethylene** found in Grocery bags, Dry cleaning bags & Frozen food bags - recycled into Compost liners & Rubbish bin liners.



PP **Polypropylene** found in Ketchup bottles, Syrup bottles, Lunch boxes & Dairy food containers - recycled into Pipes, Pegs, Battery cases & Trays.



PS **Polystyrene** found in Foam cups & plates, Food trays & packaging - recycled into Egg cartons, Coat hangers & Stationery trays.



OTHER **All other plastics and multi-materials** found in Safety glasses & Car lights - recycled into Outdoor signs & Car parts.

General Recycle and Re-use symbols

You're sure to recognise some of these common recycling symbols, but do you know the meaning of them all?



ALUMINIUM This symbol indicates that the product is made from recyclable aluminium.



COMPOSTABLE This is a Europe wide symbol confirming the product is industrially compostable. Take to your RC.



EUROPEAN ECOLABEL A European symbol that shows the product has been produced in an environmentally friendly manner.



GLASS Please put this recyclable glass container in a bottle bank.



GREEN DOT In participating countries this means the manufacturer is funding a recycling program for products with this label. The UK isn't a participating country.



METALS Please put recyclable metals into the skip at the RC.



MOBIUS LOOP This indicates whether the product can be recycled.



MOBIUS LOOP WITH PERCENTAGE This indicates how much of the product is made from recycled materials.



PAPER Products bearing this logo have already been recycled. The product must contain at least 50% waste paper or board not generated as mill waste. The figure shown is how much recycled material is used.



TIDY MAN Implies that you should dispose of the product carefully, do not litter.



WEEE DIRECTIVE Shows that a product can be recycled separately from other household waste under the WEEE directive.



WOOD This logo identifies products containing wood from well managed forests.