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Guide to Recycling in The Vale of The White Horse



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The Vale of White Horse District Council in Oxfordshire provides an award-winning **recycling and waste collection service**.

Householders have four different bins in which to deposit different types of waste. The Council collects waste weekly, different bins being emptied on alternate weeks. To find out which bins are emptied when at your address [click here](#).

Bins should be on the kerb on the scheduled day by 7am.

Replacement bins can be arranged by calling 03000 610 610 (local call rate) or email admin.vale@biffa.co.uk.

[Click here to use the Vale of White Horse District "Recyclopaedia"!!](#)

- **General rubbish destined for landfill** is kept in a grey wheeled bin, collected fortnightly.

- **Recyclable waste is collected** in a green wheeled bin, collected fortnightly.



Items put in the recycling bin should be loose, not bagged. If the bin is full you may leave extra recycling beside the bin in a see-through plastic bag or cardboard box.

Below is a list of material which can be left in the bin for collection:

(Enquiries can be made to telephone 03000 610610 or email admin.vale@biffa.co.uk.)

All paper and cardboard, including:



- books - only if not suitable for taking to a charity shop
- catalogues
- phone directories (including the Yellow Pages)
- cereal boxes
- corrugated cardboard
- envelopes (including envelopes with windows)
- greeting cards
- junk mail
- magazines
- newspapers
- shredded paper (loose)
- tissue boxes
- toilet roll tubes
- writing paper
- Mixed glass bottles and jars - any colour (and bottle tops, but please separate them)

NOTE: window panes, glass cookware/pyrex, glasses, broken glasses, light bulbs etc. are not collected.

All plastic bags, bottles, pots, tubs and trays (except film):

- plastic or carrier bags (except black bags)
- detergent bottles
- drinks bottles (and tops)
- food and drink cartons (Tetra Paks)
- food trays
- general plastic packaging
- ice cream tubs
- margarine tubs
- plastic milk cartons and bottles

- shampoo bottles
- yoghurt pots

Remember: When possible, please remove the tops and squash the bottle to make more space in your bin.

Metal

- aerosols
- clean foil
- food tins
- steel and aluminium food and drink cans (please wash and squash them first)
- metal lids (bottle and jar lids)

Food Waste Collection



Residents of the Vale of White Horse district have a large and a small waste food caddy per household. The small caddy should be kept in the kitchen and used to collect food scraps in daily. When full the waste can be transferred to the large caddy, kept outdoors, which will be emptied by the Council on a weekly basis.

It is recommended that the caddies be lined with compostable liners (corn starch) or newspaper to keep them clean.

The large caddy will be replaced if it goes missing or is damaged. Contact admin.vale@biffa.co.uk, or telephone 03000 610610 to arrange this.

What can be put in the food waste caddy:



All your raw and cooked food waste such as leftovers and spoilt food, and including:

- meat and fish - raw and cooked including bones
- all dairy products such as cheese and eggs
- raw and cooked vegetables and fruit
- bread, cakes and pastries
- rice, pasta and beans
- uneaten food from your plates and dishes
- tea bags and coffee grounds
- cooking oil, lard and fats (do not put cooking oil in plastic containers)
- old flowers

Do NOT put packaging, plastic bags or glass in the food waste caddy - this should be put in the green recycling wheelie bin.

Garden Waste Collection Service



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The Vale of White Horse District Council offers an optional garden waste collection service. Residents pay for this service - currently £37 a year - which includes the issue of a 240 litre capacity brown wheeled bin. The bin is emptied fortnightly on [the same day as your recycling](#) and the material is composted.

You can [sign up for the garden waste service online](#). Payment is by paperless direct debit only. Customers receive an annual invoice.

For telephone enquiries call the garden waste team on 01749 341247.

What can be put in the garden waste bin:

- Grass
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Flowers and plants
- Hedge clippings
- Branches (not more than 10cm thick)
- Prunings and twigs
- Windfall fruit
- Hay / Straw (soiled animal bedding from non-meat eating animals only eg rabbits)
- Vegetable waste from the garden only eg potato tops (not kitchen waste)

What should NOT be put in the garden waste bin:

- Food or kitchen waste (put this in your food waste bin)
- Cat or dog faeces
- Vacuum dust or fire cinders
- Soil, stones or rubble
- Wood that has been treated or painted
- Cardboard, Tetra packs (milk or juice cartons), or wrapping paper (these can go in your green recycling bin)
- Plastic flower pots, trays or bags
- Weeds that need reporting to the [Environment Agency](#), like Japanese knotweed and ragwort.

Waste must be deposited loose in the bin ... no bags please!

Residents are encouraged to do their own composting of waste material, and the Council has produced a useful [guide to composting](#).

Bulky waste collections

The Council will collect unwanted bulk waste items, such as furniture and appliances, and dispose of them for a fee, if the waste meets certain criteria.

DIY waste, fixtures and fittings are not included in this service. To dispose of this waste residents need to contract with a private registered waste carrier.

The Council charges £33 for a bulky waste collection of up to three items, and £6.90 for each additional item, up to a maximum of six per collection.

You can [book and pay for a bulky waste collection online](#). Alternatively you can pay by debit/credit card over the phone (01235 547640), or send a cheque/postal order made out to the Council to The Waste Team, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford OX10 8ED. Email enquiries may be made to waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk

When making a booking you will be offered a choice of collection days. On the designated day all items must be left outside for collection, which could take place any time from 7am onwards.



If your unwanted goods are in reasonable condition and re-usable, you could opt for donating them to the charity Emmaus, which collects goods from anywhere in Oxfordshire and sells them on in aid of funds for the homeless. Call 01865 763698 or email furniture@emmausoxford.org and explain what you want to donate, or for more information see the [Emmaus website](#).

Household Recycling Centres (tips) in the Vale of Whitehorse

Residents with an excess of waste for recycling may make use of Oxfordshire County Council's major waste recycling centres, of which three are located in the Vale of Whitehorse area.

For [details of all the Oxfordshire Recycling Centres](#) visit the County Council website.

The three located in the Vale of Whitehorse district are:



- * Drayton (on Steventon Road, the B4017, between Drayton and Steventon)
- * Stanford in the Vale on the A417 between Stanford and Faringdon
- * Redbridge Off Abingdon Road, Oxford, via Southern Ring Road

Normal opening hours for these Centres are 8am to 5pm, seven days a week (including bank holidays). With the exceptions that all sites close early at 3pm on 24 and 31 December and are closed all day on 25, 26 December and 1 January.

A wide variety of items can be deposited at these Centres for recycling. [Click here for a complete A-Z guide of what waste items are accepted where.](#)

Information about Recycling in general:

Recycling Guides

- Friends of the Earth Recycling Guide



A great free guide from [Friends of the Earth](#) about recycling.

- **Which Magazine Recycling Guide**

[Which magazines](#) free guide to recycling

- **Recycling Guides Network**

The [Recycling Guide Network](#) offers free guides and information on how to recycle for homes, schools and businesses.

- **RecycleNow**

[RecycleNow](#) offers online free guides, information and videos about what to recycle and how it is reused.

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.



V **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.