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A Guide to Recycling in Tewkesbury



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Residents of Tewkesbury Borough Council area have a green wheelie bin for general household waste (collected for landfill), a blue wheelie bin for recyclable waste collection, a food waste caddy and an optional brown wheelie bin for garden waste collection by subscription.

Recycling Collection



The blue bin recycling collection is a fortnightly service. Please ensure your blue bin is placed on the kerbside by 7am (next to your larger food caddy).

One week your blue (recycling) bin will be emptied, the next the green (general refuse) bin will be emptied.

If you do not have a blue bin or would like to order an additional recycling bin please contact 01684 295010. Bins will be delivered within 7-10 days of ordering.

For a calendar of collection dates, [click here](#) and enter your postcode. If you would like a calendar sent to you, please call the above telephone number.

What can I put into the blue bin?

The following items may be put into your blue bin:

	Yes please	No thanks
Plastic containers and packaging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All types of plastic bottles (drinks, cleaning and milk) • Yoghurt pots, plastic punnets, plastic food trays, plastic tubs such as margarine • Tip: please rinse all plastic food and drinks packaging 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic bags and plastic film • Plastic toys and electrical items • Garden plant pots and furniture • Polystyrene and bubblewrap • Video cassettes, tapes, cds and dvds • Nappies and incontinence pads
Mixed glass containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean glass jars (any colour) • Clean glass bottles (any colour) • Tip: metal lids can be put in the blue bin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Window panes • Pyrex dishes and crockery • Lights bulbs (use a bank) • Reusable milk bottles • Drinking glasses • Bottle corks
Metal packaging: Cans, tins, foil and aerosols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and drink cans • Pet food cans • Aerosols (empty) • Biscuit and sweet tins • Aluminium foil (clean sheets) • Aluminium foil pots and trays • Tip: Aluminium stays scrunched when you squeeze it. If it opens, it's non recyclable plastic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paint tins • Gas canisters • Pet food pouches and medicine blister packs • Crisp packets and sweet wrappers • Foil style plastic wrapping paper • Saucepans, baking trays, and scrap metal • Broken electronic and electrical items (cd, dvd players etc)
Mixed paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper, magazines and junk mail (remove plastic wrapping and freebies) • Office style paper and small amounts of shredded paper • Yellow Pages and telephone directories • Envelopes (Not padded types) • Wrapping paper (only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet or dirty paper • Wallpaper • Foil, plastic or non paper wrapping paper • Padded envelopes (such as Jiffy bags) • Laminated paper and photographs

	<p>paper types remove all decoration)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books(remove hardback covers) 	
Card and cardboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Card and cardboard • Greetings cards and postcards • Food packaging boxes and egg boxes • Small quantities of brown corrugated cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dirty cardboard such as takeaway pizza boxes and burger cartons • Wood and wooden ornaments or furniture
Cartons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tetra-Pak style food and drink cartons • Paper yoghurt pots • Paper ice-cream pots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other non recyclable items • textiles, clothing, shoes, bags, hand bags, sports equipment, garden furniture, vacuum cleaner bags, broken electrical items, carpets, furniture, tyres and car parts.

Food Waste Collection

Households in Tewkesbury are issued with one small and one large lockable food waste caddy. The small caddy is kept in the kitchen for depositing food waste; this can then be decanted into the large caddy to be put outside for collection once a week. Caddies should be kerbside for collection by 7am on the [designated collection day](#).

Replacement caddies are available - call 01684 295010.

The caddies may be lined with compostable liners, newspaper or plastic bags and should be washed out periodically with soapy water.

What to put in the food waste caddy



- Cooked and uncooked food
- Raw and cooked fruit and vegetables
- Meat and fish, including bones and skin
- Cheese and other dairy products
- Eggs and egg shells
- Small amount of liquids, oil and fat (including solid fats such as lard) Bread, cakes and pastry

- Rice, pasta, beans and cereal
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Newspaper or approved compostable liners
- Cat and dog food
- Animal hair
- Uneaten food from your plates and dishes
- Used kitchen roll and paper tissues

What not to put in the food waste caddy

- Packaging of any kind
- Metal and glass
- Any other household waste
- Animal faeces
- Animal bedding
- Pet litter
- Pet carcasses
- Cardboard (please recycle in your blue bin)
- Nappies
- Garden waste

Garden Waste Collection

Residents of Tewkesbury can subscribe to a garden waste collection scheme, which currently costs £39.50 per year (payable in advance).

To find out how to subscribe and payment options telephone 01684 295010 or email recycling@tewkesbury.gov.uk After subscribing residents are issued with a brown wheeled bin in which to deposit garden waste. The bin is emptied fortnightly (on the same day that green general refuse bins are emptied). Bins should be put out for collection by 7am on the designated day.



The following may be put in the brown bin for collection:

- Grass cuttings
- Hedge and shrub clippings
- Leaves, twigs and bark
- Small branches
- Plants, flowers and weeds
- Windfall fruit

This waste must be put directly into the bin and not bagged. Overflow waste will not be collected.

What NOT to put in your brown bin

- Food waste and kitchen scraps
- Rubble, rocks, stones or large quantity of soil
- Plant pots and trays
- Garden furniture
- Animal waste

If any of these items are put into the bin, it will not be emptied.

Bulky Waste Collection

If you have large items to dispose of - such as furniture or appliances - the Council will collect these for a fee of £20.00 (for up to three items). An effort is made to re-use/recycle such items where possible, or you may prefer to contact a local charity which receives donations of unwanted items.

You can [book a collection online](#) (requires registering for an account and logging in) or telephone 01684 295010.



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Items that will be collected include:

- ◆ Furniture e.g. sofas, armchairs, beds, tables, desks, wardrobes (a 3-piece suite or a table & chairs counts as a single item).
- ◆ Appliances e.g. fridges, freezers, dishwashers, microwave ovens, tumble dryers, washing machines.
- ◆ Audio-visual equipment e.g. stereo systems, televisions, CD/DVD players etc.
- ◆ Mattresses
- ◆ Carpets and lino
- ◆ Garden furniture and equipment, e.g. lawn mowers, spades, rakes, bicycles, large children's toys.

The following items do not qualify for collection:

- ◆ garden refuse
- ◆ building materials
- ◆ kitchen units/sink tops
- ◆ radiators
- ◆ storage heaters
- ◆ doors
- ◆ garage doors
- ◆ windows

- ◆ bathroom suites
- ◆ sheds/greenhouses
- ◆ scrap wood/metal
- ◆ car parts/batteries
- ◆ fluorescent tubes
- ◆ fencing
- ◆ pianos

TEWKESBURY RECYCLING BANKS

Householders in Tewkesbury are encouraged to deposit recyclable refuse at banks in several locations in the area, which receive various types of items.

The table below gives the location of the recycling banks and what can be recycled at each individual bank:

	Blue banks for plastic containers, tins, cans, foil, aerosols and cartons	Cardboard recycling banks	Lightbulb bank	Charity foil bank	Textiles bank
Morrison's, Ashchurch Road, Tewkesbury	x	x	x	x	x
Spring Gardens (Cascades) car park, Tewkesbury	x	x		x	x
Back Lane car park, Winchcombe	x	x	x		x
Churchdown Parish Council car park, Parton Road	x		x		x
Tesco, Church Road, Bishop's Cleeve	x	x	x	x	x
Tesco, Delta Way, Brockworth	x		x		x

Tips for recycling banks:

* In the large blue bins you may deposit plastic bottles, plastic containers, tins, cans, glass bottles, jars and paper-based food and drink cartons all mixed together.

* When using the designated Card and Cardboard (blue) bins you must please flatten the



card so that it fits through the hole in the lid.

* Safely dispose of light bulbs in the drawers of the special banks which are emptied by Recolight.

* Clean waste aluminium foil is collected in yellow bins which are emptied by the Adult Opportunities Centre. The foil is sorted, baled and sold on to boost their funds.

* Textiles and shoes should be put in the relevant banks securely tied up in plastic bags, to prevent soiling and facilitate the emptying process.

* Textile banks only accept clothes, shoes, bags, belts and linen - no duvets or pillows.

* Please do not leave recycling items on the ground beside the bins - this is classed as fly-tipping!

Recycle for Charity!



The Butterfly Garden project - located at Dundry Nurseries, Bamfurlong Lane, Cheltenham - is happy to accept garden plastics and video cassettes for recycling. Bring along your plant pots and trays, broken plastic watering cans, compost bags, plug trays and other waste garden plastics for recycling in aid of this worthy cause for children and adults with learning difficulties. Visit the [Butterfly Garden online](#) to find out more.

For more advice about recycling and information about Gloucestershire's main recycling

centres, visit [Recycle for Gloucestershire](#).



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.