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## A guide to Recycling in The Forest of Dean



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The Forest of Dean District Council collects refuse fortnightly, and dry recycling and garden waste is collected from the kerbside on the alternate fortnight. Food waste is collected weekly.

The Council also provides recycling facilities for a wide range of materials at recycling banks across the district, as well as at the Household Recycling Centre managed by Gloucester County Council.

Enter your postcode on the [Forest of Dean Council website](#) to find out when your bins are scheduled to be emptied. When there is a bank holiday on the Monday, bins will be emptied a day later than usual.

## Recycling box collection service:

Recycling is collected from homes on the kerbside fortnightly, emptied from a green 55 litre plastic box, which is issued to each household for the purpose. Boxes must be left outside before 7.30am on [collection day](#).

### What may be put in the recycling box:

- Glass bottles and jars (no broken glass, no Pyrex, no window glass, no light bulbs)
- Steel and aluminium tins and cans (please squash if possible and rinse)
- Aerosol cans (aerosols must be empty. Remove lids. Nozzles can be left on. Do not crush or pierce the can. Please note we cannot accept any aerosols containing hazardous materials (i.e. car spray paints, pesticides))
- Newspapers and magazines
- Junk mail and flyers (please remove any polythene)
- Yellow Pages



- Telephone directories
- Soft backed catalogues (i.e. Argos, Ikea)
- White office paper
- White envelopes (windows can be left in)
- Household batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 6v, 9v, button batteries and mobile phone batteries) - placed in a plastic bag. Car batteries are NOT accepted.

NOTE: NO PLASTIC OR CARDBOARD IS COLLECTED FROM RECYCLING BOXES!

A new or additional recycling box can be obtained by ordering [online](#), or calling 01594 810000 to place an order.

## Food waste collection service

Residents of the Forest of Dean district are supplied with a 23 litre food waste caddy (additional or new ones are available; call 01594 810000) in which to put their food waste out for collection. Caddies are emptied weekly - [click here](#) to find out when collection takes place from your home.



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### The following waste may be put in the caddy:

- Vegetable and fruit peelings/cores
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Meat and fish (raw and cooked, including bones/skin)
- Dairy produce (such as cheese, yoghurt and eggs)
- Cereals
- Bread and pastries
- Rice and pasta
- Hard fats (such as butter, lard)
- Scrapings from the dinner plate
- Out of date foodstuffs
- Uneaten pet foods
- Paper kitchen towels

Avoid excessive amounts of messy cooking oil (this can be recycled at the Household Recycling Centre in Broadwell).

### **Your caddy may not be emptied if it contains any of the following:**

- Animal/pet bedding or litter
- Animal/pet faeces
- Garden waste
- Cardboard
- Nappies

Food waste may be wrapped in newspaper before adding to the caddy, or the caddy may be lined with a plastic bag or compostable liner.

Foodwaste is taken to an anaerobic digester where a natural process turns it into electricity and a liquid that can be used to enrich local farmland.

## **Garden waste collection service**

Households in the Forest of Dean district may opt to subscribe to a [garden waste collection service](#)

at a cost of £28.00 per bin per year. Current licence notices (valid from 1 April each year) must be displayed on the green garden waste wheelie bin supplied for collection to take place at the kerbside. You can [apply online](#) to join the garden waste collection service, call 01594 810000 or call in person at the Council offices, (although payment is not accepted in cash).



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- Grass cuttings
- Garden trimmings and leaves
- Garden plants and weeds
- Tree and hedge prunings
- Christmas trees (please cut to 1.5m lengths)
- Waste pet bedding (straw/wood shavings) from small herbivore pets (i.e. rabbits and hamsters)

### **Which items are NOT accepted in my wheeled bin?**

- Fencing and posts
- Plastics and oils, including pots and seed trays
- Stones, soil, metals, glass, cardboard and papers

- Kitchen waste including vegetable and fruit peelings (please use the weekly food waste service to dispose of these items)
- Garden cuttings in plastic bags
- Rubble and concrete
- Painted materials
- Paper and cardboard

Wheeled bins should be placed at the kerbside for 7.30am on the [day of collection](#).

All garden waste is taken to an on-farm composting facility at Dymock, where it is shredded and windrowed to produce compost.

## Bulky items recycling collection service

The Council will, for a fee, collect bulky items such as sofas, fridges, freezers and other furnishings. Items which are in good condition are forwarded to Orchard Recycling and made available to low and limited income families. These items can be viewed at Orchard Recycling, Unit 5, Longhope Industrial Estate, Church Road, Longhope, Gloucestershire GL17 0LB (Monday-Friday in office hours). Alternatively, call them on 01452 830919.

Items not suitable for re-use or refurbishment are sent to landfill.

The bulky items collection service costs £15.00 for up to three items, or £30 for between four and six items. To request a bulky item collection or for further information please call 01594 810000. Items are collected at the kerbside.

Recycle Gloucestershire has a [list of voluntary, community and charity groups](#) in the county who accept unwanted household items.

*NOTE:* The Council will not collect certain items such as fixtures and fittings (like windows, doors) or builder's rubble.

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## Forest of Dean Recycling Centre and local banks:

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The main Household Recycling Centre serving the district is at [Broadwell](#), managed by Gloucestershire County Council, accepting a wide range of domestic waste materials.

The Broadwell Centre is at Oak Quarry, a mile north-east of Coleford on the B4226.

It is open daily from 9am to 6.15pm (except Christmas and New Years' Day).

**What can you recycle at the Broadwell Centre?**

- Batteries
- Books
- Cans
- Card and cardboard
- Catalogues and brochures
- CD and DVD discs
- DIY waste / rubble and building materials
- Electronic and electrical equipment
- Flat glass (Hempsted HRC)
- Fluorescent tubes
- Foil
- Garden waste
- Gas bottles
- Glass bottles and jars
- Household and garden chemicals
- Ink cartridges
- Junk mail
- Light bulbs (low energy and traditional)
- Newspapers and magazines
- Oil - cooking oil
- Oil - waste engine oil
- Plastic bottles
- Scrap metal
- Shoes
- Special waste (see below)
- Spectacles
- Telephone directories
- Televisions and monitors
- Textiles and clothes
- UPVC window frames
- VHS tapes
- White goods - washing machines, fridges/freezers
- Wood and timber
- Thick catalogues

NOTE: The Centre is not for commercial or business use. Proof of residency will be required to use the facilities, and if you are taking a van or trailer you will need to book an appointment in advance either by calling 0845 602 9344 or [online](#).

### Local Recycling Banks:

The Forest of Dean District Council provides numerous recycling banks in local areas:

LOCATION	Paper	Glass	Cans	Plastic Bottles	Card	Cartons	Foil	Textile	Shoes	Bras
<u>Aylburton - Cross Inn</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
<u>Beachley - Pavilion Road</u>		Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		
<u>Birdwood - Fairview Nurseries</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
<u>Birdwood - Kings Head</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
<u>Blakeney - Cinderford Road</u>				Yes						
<u>Bromsberrow - Village Hall</u>				Yes						
<u>Cinderford - Coop Dockham Road</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes			



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<u>Lydney - Newerne St Car Park (overflow)</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<u>Lydney - Tesco</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
<u>Lydney - Harry Tuffins/Nisa</u>								Yes	Yes	
<u>Mitcheldean - Rank Xerox</u>		Yes	Yes	Yes						
<u>Mitcheldean - High St Car Park</u>				Yes						
<u>Mitcheldean - Rec Ground</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
<u>Newent- Lewell St Car Park</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<u>Newent - ThreeChoirs</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
<u>Newnham - Station Road</u>				Yes						
<u>Parkend - Social Club</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
<u>Ruspidge - Toilets</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes			
<u>Ruardean - High Street</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes		
<u>Ruardean Hill - Recreation Ground</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
<u>Sedbury - British Legion</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes		
<u>Sedbury - King Alfred's Road</u>				Yes						

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Soudley - Village Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Westbury on Severn - Village Hall				Yes						
<u>Whitecroft - Royal Oak</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
<u>Yorkley - Bailey Inn</u>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
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## 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.



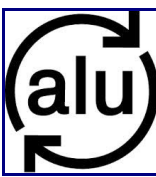
**PS** **Polystyrene** found in Foam cups & plates, Food trays & packaging - recycled into Egg cartons, Coat hangers & Stationery trays.



**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.



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