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Dear resident,

Dudley Borough's new waste and recycling service

I am writing to provide you with details of Dudley Borough's new waste and recycling service, well in advance of its launch next Spring.

From Monday 6 April 2026 the council will be introducing a new waste and recycling service, in line with the latest national government legislation. This states that all councils must simplify and expand their household recycling processes, which includes the introduction of mandatory food waste collections and easier recycling. The aim is to improve recycling rates, making household recycling simple, quick and easy.

Whilst the borough's waste and recycling collections are changing, you will continue to receive a weekly collection through the new food waste service.

As a council we are fully committed to increasing Dudley Borough's recycling rates and want to make things as simple as possible for our residents.

The facts

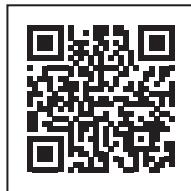
- From **Monday 5 January 2026** three new waste containers will start being delivered to households. These will be:
 - A 240 litre blue wheeled bin (for mixed recycling: cans, plastic, glass, cartons)
 - A 23 litre kerbside food caddy with lockable handle and a smaller 7 litre kitchen food caddy with an initial roll of caddy liners (for food waste). You will empty the contents of the kitchen caddy along with the liner into the outdoor kerbside caddy for **weekly** food waste collection

- The new containers will not be needed until the new service starts in **April**, stickers on them will remind you of this. Located inside the small kitchen caddy you will find an instructional booklet explaining how to get the most out of the new service. The containers are being delivered ahead of the launch date to give crews time to deliver them to all borough households. You will receive your containers any time between 5 January and the end of March. **Until the new service starts collections will continue as normal**
- The new waste service will begin from **Monday 6 April 2026**. Details about your collection dates will be available nearer to the start of the rollout at www.dudleyrecycles.org.uk
- You will have your three new containers and will keep your existing black wheeled bin – for general non-recyclable waste, and blue bag – for paper and card recycling. You will no longer need to use your green bag and your black box from 6 April 2026 (you can reuse these containers and if you have lots of paper and card to dispose of you can use your green bag for this, along with your blue bag)
- The new service collection schedule from 6 April will be:
 - **23 litre kerbside food caddy with lockable handle (food waste): Weekly**
 - **Black wheeled bin (non-recyclable waste):** Fortnightly
 - **Blue 240 litre wheeled bin (mixed recycling):** Fortnightly
 - **Blue bag (paper and card):** Fortnightly
Your black wheeled bin will be collected on alternate weeks to the blue wheeled bin and blue bag
 - **Green 240 litre wheeled bin (garden waste)** Fortnightly – if subscribed

If you currently use communal waste (shared use) bins at your property, your service will continue as it is. The new recycling service will be expanded to cover properties with communal waste facilities in the future and we will be in touch with you before this starts.

For more information, including a series of frequently asked questions
scan the QR code or visit www.dudleyrecycles.org.uk

You can also email us with any questions at waste2026@dudley.gov.uk



For regular updates sign up to our waste e-bulletin via the QR code or visit
<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDUDLEYMBC/signup/26291>

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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