

 **Reduce, reuse, recycle**

**STARTING FROM 6 APRIL 2026**

# DUDLEY BOROUGH'S **NEW WASTE & RECYCLING SERVICE**

What you need to know about your new waste,  
recycling and food waste services.



**HOUSEHOLD  
FOOD WASTE**

**COLLECTED EVERY  
WEEK**



**RECYCLING AND  
NON- RECYCLABLE WASTE**

**COLLECTED EVERY  
OTHER WEEK**



**GARDEN  
WASTE**

**COLLECTED EVERY  
OTHER WEEK  
IF SUBSCRIBED**

 **Dudley recycles**

**Dudley**  
Metropolitan Borough Council

## WHY ARE WASTE SERVICES CHANGING?

The government is introducing new legislation to help minimise people's household waste and increase recycling rates. All councils are being asked to make recycling easier and more effective for people. This includes the mandatory introduction of weekly food waste collections.

As part of these changes, we're improving how waste is collected, with the aim to recycle as much of our waste as we can.



## WHAT'S CHANGING AND WHEN?

We are making it easier for you to increase the amount of household waste you recycle, including food waste. The new service will mean we can increase the quantity of recycled waste, and recycle all the right materials.

## OUR NEW WASTE SERVICE WILL BEGIN FROM MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026. FROM THAT DATE YOU WILL USE THE FOLLOWING BINS:



A new **240 litre blue wheeled bin** for mixed plastic, cans, glass and cartons, making recycling quicker and easier.



You will continue to use your **blue bag** for paper and card recycling. The black box and green bag (currently used for glass and plastic/cans) will no longer be required. You can keep these and use them as you wish.



You will continue to use your **180 litre black wheeled bin** for non-recyclable waste, this will be collected fortnightly as you will have less waste in it.



A **small 7 litre indoor kitchen food waste caddy**, with a pack of liners.



A **larger 23 litre lockable outdoor food waste caddy** (the food waste along with the liner from the kitchen caddy is emptied into this).



If you subscribe to our garden waste collection you will have a **240 litre green wheeled bin** which is collected fortnightly.

## WHEN WILL BINS BE COLLECTED?



### FOOD WASTE

will be **COLLECTED WEEKLY** from your outdoor food waste caddy.



### RECYCLING WASTE

will be **COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK** from your blue bin and blue bag.



### NON-RECYCABLE WASTE

will be **COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK** from your black bin.



### GARDEN WASTE

will be **COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK.**  
(if you have subscribed)



The introduction of **alternate weekly collections** means that you will still have a weekly bin collection, but one week we will empty your recycling (from your new blue wheeled bin and blue bag) and the next week we will empty your black bin. Your black bin should have less waste in it as you will be able to recycle more, plus food waste will go into your food waste caddy.

## HOW WILL THE NEW WASTE SERVICE HELP?

The new service will mean we:

- Can increase our recycling rates, which will help us to achieve government targets
- Will conform to government legislation, which states all councils **MUST** simplify and expand their recycling processes and collections and introduce mandatory food waste collections and simpler recycling



As a council we are fully committed to increasing Dudley Borough's recycling rates, making things as simple as possible.

# WHAT GOES IN YOUR BINS?

STARTING FROM MONDAY 6 APRIL 2026

## FOOD WASTE CADDY

**THIS WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY WEEK.**

Your new food waste caddies will enable you to recycle more and reduce waste going into your black bin.

### YES PLEASE



- ALL UNEATEN FOOD AND PLATE SCRAPINGS
- MOULDY AND OUT OF DATE FOOD
- RAW AND COOKED MEAT, FISH AND BONES
- DAIRY PRODUCTS, CHEESE AND EGGS
- BREAD, RICE, PASTA, CAKE AND BEANS
- FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (INCLUDING STONES AND PEELINGS)
- TEA BAGS, COFFEE GROUNDS
- CRISPS AND BISCUITS
- PET FOOD

### NO THANKS



- PACKAGING OF ANY KIND
- LIQUIDS SUCH AS MILK, OIL/LIQUID FAT
- PET BEDDING OR FAECES
- ANY MATERIAL THAT IS NOT FOOD WASTE





# RECYCLING YOUR FOOD WASTE IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3...



Line your kitchen caddy with a caddy liner, or newspaper, to keep it clean. You can wash it with soapy water, or pop it in the dishwasher, to keep it clean and fresh smelling.



Put in all food waste including peelings, raw or cooked food and plate scrapings.



Empty the contents including the liner, into your outdoor food waste caddy, place the handle in the locked position and put it out on your collection day each week.

## REMEMBER

*When recycled, food waste can be turned into something useful. Your food waste will be used to generate natural forms of energy, such as biogas, an excellent alternative to fossil fuels and fertiliser/soil conditioner.*



# RECYCLING

## BLUE BIN

THIS WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK  
ALONG WITH YOUR **BLUE BAG** (ON ALTERNATE  
WEEKS TO YOUR BLACK BIN).

### YES PLEASE



- FOOD TINS AND DRINK CANS
- GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS WITH LIDS (INCLUDING AFTERSHAVE/PERFUME BOTTLES, RINSED MEDICINE BOTTLES, DRINKING GLASSES)
- PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS, AND FOOD TRAYS\*
- AEROSOLS
- CLEAN FOIL/FOIL CONTAINERS
- CARTONS

### NO THANKS



- NAPPIES
- FABRIC
- PAINT TINS
- CRISPS, BISCUITS, SWEET WRAPPERS
- HARD PLASTICS - SUCH AS TOYS
- PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM\*\*, POLYSTYRENE
- HEATPROOF GLASS
- WINDOWS/SHEET GLASS
- LIGHTBULBS

*\*Note, black plastic bottles, tubs and trays can't be recycled. \*\*Plastic film is not currently recycled but will be introduced in 2027.*





# RECYCLING

## BLUE BAG

THIS WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK  
ALONG WITH YOUR **BLUE BIN** (ON ALTERNATE  
WEEKS TO YOUR BLACK BIN).

### YES PLEASE



- PAPER
- NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES
- CARD AND CARDBOARD
- ENVELOPES
- JUNK MAIL
- TOILET AND KITCHEN ROLLS

*Please keep paper and card  
as dry as possible, break  
down cardboard and place  
items loose in the bag*

**TOP  
TIP!**

### NO THANKS



- PLASTIC BAGS AND PACKAGING
- CHOCOLATE AND SWEET WRAPPERS
- CARTONS
- POLYSTYRENE
- TISSUES
- GREASEPROOF PAPER
- GLITTER OR FOIL GIFT WRAPPING
- GREETINGS CARDS WITH GLITTER OR ATTACHMENTS
- BUBBLE WRAP, CELLOPHANE, TISSUE PAPER AND WALLPAPER
- NAPPIES
- WET PAPER OR CARD
- BOOKS (DONATE TO A CHARITY SHOP)



# RECYCLING IS AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3...



1

Rinse your jars, bottles, cartons and tins and flatten your cardboard.



2

Put your clean, dry recycling (squashed and with lids on jars) in your blue bin and blue bag (loose not bagged up).



3

Put your blue bin and blue bag out on your recycling collection day.



All of your recycling will be made into new products, e.g. glass bottles and metal cans will be made into new containers.

# NON-RECYCLABLE HOUSEHOLD WASTE

## BLACK BIN

**THIS WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK**  
(ON ALTERNATE WEEKS TO YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTION).

### YES PLEASE



- NAPPIES
- SANITARY ITEMS
- CRISPS, BISCUITS AND SWEET WRAPPERS
- HARD PLASTICS
- PLASTIC BAGS
- HEATPROOF GLASS DISHES
- OTHER NON-RECYCLABLE WASTE

### NO THANKS



- ITEMS YOU CAN RECYCLE
- FOOD
- SOIL, RUBBLE, GARDEN WASTE
- BULKY OR ELECTRICAL ITEMS
- BATTERIES, VAPES
- HAZARDOUS WASTE
- DANGEROUS ITEMS - KNIVES, NEEDLES ETC - THAT CAN CAUSE INJURY
- GAS CANNISTERS OF ANY KIND
- CHEMICAL BOTTLES



*The more you recycle, the less you will need to put into this bin. Please ensure the bin lid is closed, excess waste will not be collected.*

# GARDEN WASTE

(SUBSCRIPTION ONLY)

THIS WILL BE COLLECTED EVERY OTHER WEEK

## YES PLEASE



- GRASS CUTTINGS
- HEDGE AND SHRUB CLIPPINGS
- PLANTS AND WEEDS
- LEAVES, TWIGS AND BARK
- CUT FLOWERS
- USED COMPOST
- FALLEN FRUIT SUCH AS APPLES

## NO THANKS



- SOIL, POT PLANT COMPOST, TURF, ASH OR GARDEN CHEMICALS
- INVASIVE PLANTS - SUCH AS JAPANESE KNOTWEED
- PLASTIC BAGS, POTS
- FOOD OR KITCHEN WASTE
- HOUSEHOLD WASTE
- STONES OR RUBBLE
- DIY RUBBISH, TIMBER/ WOOD, SAWDUST
- ANIMAL WASTE OR BEDDING
- METAL OR GLASS



Have you considered composting? Find out more at [www.dudleyrecycles.org.uk/composting](http://www.dudleyrecycles.org.uk/composting)

**TOP TIP!**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHEN IS MY COLLECTION DAY?

Your current collection day will remain the same until the new service begins from 6 April 2026. Some collection days may change with the new service, look out for updates nearer the time.

## WHEN SHOULD I PUT MY WASTE/RECYCLING OUT FOR COLLECTION?

By 6am on your day of collection, or if you prefer, the evening before, after 7.30pm.

## HOW DO I RECYCLE ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BLUE BIN OR BAG?

To recycle good quality furniture items, white goods, engine oil and many other items, please visit your local recycling centre:

[www.dudley.gov.uk/tip](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/tip)

## WHAT IF THE RECYCLING BIN IS NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR ALL MY RECYCLING?

Make sure all recycling is squashed and flattened before placing in the bin. You will be able to request an additional recycling bin free of charge once the new service starts.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### WHAT IF I HAVE LARGE PIECES OF CARDBOARD THAT DON'T FIT IN MY BLUE BAG?

Fold or cut the cardboard into manageable pieces and leave them securely between your blue bin and blue bag, to avoid them blowing away. Make sure all polystyrene/bubble wrap is removed and placed in your black bin.

### WHAT IF I CAN'T MOVE MY BIN TO THE COLLECTION POINT?

We offer an assisted collection to any resident that cannot move their bins to their property boundary for collection, due to age, disability, or infirmity. Please contact us at [www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/rubbish-collection/assisted-collections/](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/bins-and-recycling/rubbish-collection/assisted-collections/)

If you already have an assisted collection, this service will remain in place for you and won't be affected by the waste service changes.





## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **I HAVE A BABY IN NAPPIES AND CANNOT MANAGE A FORTNIGHTLY COLLECTION DUE TO THE AMOUNT OF NAPPIES I NEED TO DISPOSE OF, WHAT CAN I DO ?**

We understand that households with babies produce more waste. There will be an option available to apply for refuse sacks for any household with a child under the age of three. These can be placed for collection, next to your black bin.

### **WILL THE KITCHEN CADDY SMELL, AND WILL THE OUTSIDE CADDY ATTRACT PESTS?**

To help prevent the kitchen caddy smelling, we recommend using liners, regular emptying and washing the caddy. The external food waste caddy is a sealed container with a lockable handle, which will prevent pests from getting in.

### **WHAT ABOUT MEDICAL AND CLINICAL WASTE?**

The way that medical and clinical waste is collected differs. Medical waste includes non-infectious waste, such as incontinence pads, stoma bags and catheters. It does not include babies' nappies or sanitary products. Clinical waste includes syringes, wound dressings or swabs.

For those residents who need to dispose of medical waste, a larger or additional bin can be applied for at no charge. If the waste is clinical then a specialist waste provider will collect this. In both circumstances the council will organise these services for you. Evidence will be required when applying.

**You can find out more at  
[www.dudleyrecycles.org.uk](http://www.dudleyrecycles.org.uk)  
or simply scan the QR code.**



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