Your recycling and waste services explained

Recycling more of your household waste from the kerbside
Overview of kerbside service

The Forest of Dean District Council offers the following domestic waste services:

- a weekly collection of **food waste recycling**
- a weekly collection of **dry recycling** (paper, cardboard, tins/cans, aerosols, plastic bottles, glass and textiles)
- a fortnightly collection of **small electrical** and **electronic appliances** and **household batteries**
- a fortnightly **refuse** service

Residents can also opt in to our fortnightly **garden waste** service; a convenient way to dispose of waste such as grass cuttings, plants, leaves and hedge prunings. Please note there is a fixed-price annual charge for this service. Call **01594 810000** or visit [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk) to subscribe.

All waste needs to be presented at the kerbside by 7.30am on your scheduled collection day. Collection dates, specific to your property, can be found on the calendar which is posted out each year. Alternatively, find out when your most current collections are due by visiting [www.fdean.gov.uk](http://www.fdean.gov.uk) and using the ‘My Location’ tool.

What containers do I need?

We will normally provide your household with the following:

- 7ltr silver kitchen caddy and 23ltr black kerbside caddy with lockable lid
- 2 x 55ltr green recycling boxes
- 60ltr blue recycling bag
- 240ltr black refuse bin
- 240ltr green garden waste bin*

*when you first join the service
How are collections made?

**Week 1: Recycling & Garden Waste**

One week we will empty your recycling bag, recycling boxes, food waste caddy and garden waste bin (if subscribed*):

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**Week 2: Recycling & Refuse**

The alternate week we will empty your recycling bag, recycling boxes, food waste caddy and refuse bin. We will also collect your small appliances and batteries:

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For collections to take place, items must be put out in the correct containers. Please do not mix your recyclable materials (other than as shown above). This is because the materials we collect are put in different compartments on the recycling vehicles, allowing the items to be recycled effectively. So placing the right materials in the right container really does matter!

**Tip!** Use newspaper, compostable liners, paper liners or old plastic bags to keep your food caddies clean.
Food waste | Weekly

All types of food waste can be recycled using the kerbside service:

- Bread, cakes and pastries
- Raw and cooked fish and meat, including skin and bones
- Fruit, vegetables and peelings
- Cereals, rice, pasta and pulses
- Lunch box/ready meal leftovers
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Dairy produce
- Stale pet food
- Small amounts of oil (i.e. cooking oil) and hard fats (i.e. butter/lard)
- Scrapings from your dishes

Paper + Cardboard | Weekly

Use the blue recycling bag for your paper and cardboard.

Yes please

Newspapers and magazines
Telephone directories and catalogues
Paper and envelopes
Junk mail and leaflets
Brown corrugated cardboard
Grey card (i.e. cereal boxes, egg boxes)
White/coloured card
Plain greetings cards. No foil/glitter/ribbons.
Plain wrapping paper. Remove tape.

No thanks

Cartons (i.e. Tetra Pak)
Plastic film/wrappers/polystyrene

Write your house name or number on your bag!

Please flatten your cardboard. Cardboard must be inside the blue bag in order for it to be collected so reduce larger pieces so they fit inside. Cardboard outside the bag will be left as this will not fit on the vehicle.
Tins/cans/aerosols + Plastic bottles | Weekly

Use one recycling box for your tins, cans and empty aerosols and plastic bottles. Please do not put any other recycling into this box.

Recycling Box (1)

✔ Yes please

- Food/pet food tins. *Please rinse.*
- Drinks cans
- Empty aerosols
- Metal chocolate and biscuit tins
- Metal lids
- Milk bottles
- Squash, fizzy pop and water bottles
- Shampoo and conditioner bottles
- Detergent and softener bottles
- Empty bleach bottles

✗ No thanks

- Aluminium foil
- Other metal objects
- Plastic punnets, trays, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs
- Plastic film/wrappers/bags

Tip: Squash your bottles for more space in your box!

We only collect plastic bottles - please do not use your service for any other types of plastic.

Need boxes, a bag or caddy?

Call us on 01594 810000 or request online at www.fdean.gov.uk
**Glass + Textiles | Weekly**

You will need a second recycling box for your glass and textiles.

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**Recycling Box (2)**

Textiles must be in a tied up bag

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**Please bag and tie!**

Textiles must be bagged in order for them to be collected. Please use a carrier bag - or a bag of similar size. Tie your bag and place it in your box ready for collection. Keeping textiles dry allows them to be worn again!

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**Don’t forget**

to support your local charity shops and the great work they do. Unwanted textiles can also be recycled in our clothing and shoe banks.

Extra recycling? Remember there are over 30 recycling bank sites across the district accepting a range of materials.
Small electrical/electronic appliances + batteries | Fortnightly

Small electrical and electronic appliances and household batteries will be picked up each fortnight on the same day as your refuse collection. Appliances and batteries must be presented in a standard supermarket sized carrier bag or smaller (provided by the householder) and left on top of your black refuse bin ready for collection. Please do not put out larger appliances for collection. These will be left as there is not space on the vehicles to take them.

Look out for the crossed out wheeled bin symbol on your appliance. This indicates that the item should not be discarded in the black rubbish bin.

Yes please

- Kitchen appliances (i.e. toasters, kettles, food blenders, juicers)
- Home appliances (i.e. irons, fans, radios, lamps, clocks, dvd players)
- Personal care/grooming appliances (i.e. shavers, electric toothbrushes, hair dryers/curlers)
- Hand-held power tools
- Children’s toys
- Mobile/digital phones
- Cameras
- Games consoles, tablets, e-readers
- Fairy lights, solar-powered lights
- Electrical cables/chargers
- Household batteries (including AAA, AA, C, D, 9v, button batteries, mobile & laptop batteries)

No thanks

- TVs and monitors
- Car/motorbike batteries
- Light bulbs/fluorescent tubes
- Large appliances

Tip! All of the above can be recycled at the Household Recycling Centre

Bulky items

If you have larger household items (such as electrical goods, three-piece suites and bedroom furniture) which you need to dispose of, we also provide a kerbside bulky waste collection service for a small charge. To book please call 01594 810000.
Refuse (non-recyclable items) | Fortnightly

Refuse must be presented inside your council-issue black wheeled bin. You cannot put out sacks for collection. Rubbish left either beside or on top of the bin will not be collected.

Households with 6 or more people or that can demonstrate a genuine need, may request an additional bin (subject to an assessment).

Properties which cannot accommodate a wheeled bin (such as flats) are supplied with 80 beige council-issue sacks each year or given access to a communal bin.

Additional refuse? You can purchase beige refuse sacks from us for times where you may have extra rubbish (like a large party). Only council-issue bags may be put out for collection.

✔️ Remember

- Allow hot ashes to cool before placing in your bin
- For the safety of the crew, make sure the lid of your bin is closed
- Overfull bins will not be emptied

❌ No thanks

- Garden waste
- Any items which can be recycled at the kerbside (including food waste, aerosols, batteries and electrical and electronic items)
- Trade waste (even if you operate a business from home)
- Building waste, rubble, soil or plasterboard
- Liquids (i.e. paint, oil)

Tip!

Excess household waste - including recycling - can be taken to the Household Recycling Centres at Broadwell, near Coleford and Hempsted, Gloucester. Visit: recycleforgloucestershire.com for opening days and times.

Need more information?

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