

Let's waste less and recycle more

A guide to what you can put in your recycling bin and box

✓ Yes please



Please empty and rinse items and put them in your recycling bin/box

✗ No thanks



Please put these items in your rubbish bin



Please do not put glass and textiles in your rubbish or your recycling bin.

Please visit your nearest recycling bank.
For location details please visit
www.reading.gov.uk/recycling

Your new 140 litre black bin or communal bin

Why are you changing the size of the bins?

Swapping 240 litre bins for 140 litre bins and reducing the size or number of communal bins is part of an initiative to help us increase the recycling rate in Reading. Analysis of household waste bins in Reading shows that between 30% and 40% of the household rubbish put into our grey bins in Reading is food waste and that a further 18% of the waste in grey bins could have been put in the red recycling bins.

Research across the country shows that higher recycling rates are achieved where the non-recyclable ('grey' bin) waste capacity is reduced, because it encourages people to maximise the items they sort for recycling.

What if the smaller 140 litre black bin you provide for houses is not big enough?

Our aim is to help all residents use the recycling services available. Your red recycling bin will remain 240 litres. You can order extra red recycling bins if you need them and you will have your food waste bin and indoor caddy.

Each black wheeled bin holds 140 litres or around three black sacks of rubbish – this should be enough for most households who recycle all that they can through the fortnightly recycling collections and the new weekly food waste collections.

Will you take extra bags as well as what is in the bin?

No. Your rubbish needs to be contained within your bin and the lid fully closed. If you put out extra bag(s) of rubbish beside your bin/bag, our crews will not collect them. We do want to be fair to all residents and the reason for not taking bags of waste is that in order to achieve the main aim of increasing recycling, we need to put a limit on how much non-recycled waste can be put out.

What will happen to the old bins?

The old bins will be taken away and either reused or recycled.

If you have any queries about this new collection please contact us

Visit <https://www.reading.gov.uk/wastechanges>

Call 0118 937 3787

To find out more about what you can recycle from other household waste please visit: www.reading.gov.uk/recyclingathome



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Let's Wise Up To Waste

Welcome to your NEW FOOD WASTE RECYCLING SCHEME!



Starting February 2021
Find out more inside

Reading recycles



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Introducing weekly food waste collections

From 1 February 2021 we will be introducing **weekly food waste collections**, and in preparation for that we supply small silver indoor kitchen caddies. Most properties will also receive a grey outdoor food waste bin. Some properties, with shared communal bins, will receive a large communal outdoor food waste bin.

We will supply the following:



5 litre indoor food waste caddy



Liners



23 litre outdoor food waste bin

Some properties, with shared communal bins, will be provided with communal outdoor food waste bins.

For more information visit www.reading.gov.uk/wastechanges

Why are we doing this?

Food waste that is sent to **landfill** doesn't harmlessly breakdown. It has a big impact on the **environment** as it rots and releases **methane** – a harmful greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

Recycling food waste also saves money. Every time we compost a lorry load of food, instead of sending it to landfill, it saves £100.

Your food waste is taken to special processing plant... where it is used to generate electricity to power homes and the local community. It is also turned into fertiliser which can be used in farming.



What can I put in my caddy?

You can recycle all your food waste, including the following:

Remember to recycle your mouldy and out of date food, including ready meals removed from their packaging



food waste

- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings



dairy

- ✓ Dairy products
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs



bread & pastries

- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Cakes
- ✓ Pastries



meat & bones

- ✓ Raw meat
- ✓ Cooked meat
- ✓ Bones



tea & coffee grounds

- ✓ Tea bags
- ✓ Coffee grounds



fruit & vegetables

- ✓ Raw vegetables
- ✓ Cooked vegetables
- ✓ Whole fruit
- ✓ Peelings



fish

- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Cooked fish
- ✓ Bones



rice pasta & beans

- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Beans



cooking oils

- ✓ Pour your oil into a plastic bottle, seal it and place inside your outdoor food waste bin

Please do not put any of these materials in your caddy

- ✗ Packaging of any kind
- ✗ Liquids such as milk
- ✗ Pet Waste
- ✗ Garden Waste
- ✗ Any material that is not food waste

Let's Wise Up to Waste

In Reading we recycle **35% of our household waste**, our aim is to recycle at least **50%**.

In order to increase the amount we recycle we are making changes to waste collection in Reading.

During 2021 we will be introducing a weekly food waste collection and supplying you with small indoor and outdoor food waste bins.

We are also replacing current 240 litre grey wheeled bins with smaller 140 litre wheeled bins for non-recyclable household waste and reducing the number or size of communal household non-recyclable waste bins.

There are lots of ways to recycle your household waste and reduce what goes in your wheelie bin:



41% Food waste
Weekly food waste collections start 2021



5% Textiles
Recycle at textiles banks



5% Glass
Recycle at the bottle banks



8% Paper, card, tins, cans, plastics, aerosols & drink cartons
Put into your recycling bin or box



9% Wood, metals and electricals
Recycle at the Recycling Centre



32% General household waste



*Average waste statistics for houses in Reading Borough in 2019