



Green garden waste



If you want to avoid the hassle of putting garden waste in your car and taking it to the recycling site, then why not subscribe to the green garden waste service?

You get a sizeable wheelie bin which is easy to use, saves you time and energy and can be stored neatly in a corner of your garden.

All you need to do is put your bin out once a fortnight for collection. This will leave you time to sit back and enjoy your garden.

We collect flowers, plants, grass cuttings, leaves, hedge trimmings, most weeds, small branches and we recycle all green waste into environmentally friendly fertiliser.

How to get your green garden waste bin

To find out more and subscribe, you can either go online at rbwm.gov.uk or phone Customer Services on **01628 683 801**.

Please remember green garden waste cannot be put into your black rubbish bin.



Thank you for recycling

Let's work together to recycle even more

We recycle and compost more than half of all the rubbish collected in the borough.

You can recycle more than you think as up to 80% of all our rubbish can be recycled.

Please use this guide to see what and where you can recycle.

For further information go online at rbwm.gov.uk
e: customer.services@rbwm.gov.uk
t: **01628 683 801**



recycle
for Windsor & Maidenhead



Your

recycling

guide



Please keep for reference

What can you put in your recycling bin at home?


Yes please

You can recycle almost all of your everyday food and drink packaging.

- Glass
- Metal
- Paper
- Card
- Plastics

However there are a few exceptions so please place these items in your **general rubbish bin**.

 **No thanks** These items must be put in your general rubbish bin as they cannot be recycled



Crisp packets & sweet wrappers* or any item of foil coated with plastic
Shiny foil gift wrap & greeting cards with glitter



Glass cookware e.g pyrex
Drinking glasses e.g wine glasses & tumblers



Polystyrene e.g pizza bases, packaging inserts
Dirty & stained paper & card



Foil coated lids* on yoghurt pots
Foil lined food pouches* e.g. baby food, coffee pouches



Plastic bags e.g. carrier bags, plastic food bags, bubble wrap
Plastic film e.g. cling film, plastic film on meat & fish trays

* The scrunch test

To make sure your item can be recycled, try to scrunch it - if it springs back it is foil coated with plastic and we can't recycle it.



Your recycling should be put in the bin loose, so just empty out any plastic bags and reuse them, or pop them in your general rubbish bin or check to see if your local supermarket recycles them.



Empty and rinse - items don't need to be spotlessly clean, a quick rinse will do. Left over liquid and residue can contaminate other items which may mean they are not recycled.

Your recycling bin is mainly for packaging so please no clothes, textiles, plastic toys or wood.

What can I do with unwanted textiles?



You can now recycle all your old clothes & textiles from your doorstep



clothes

We can only collect one bag at a time each week from each house.



- Clothing
- Socks
- Shoes (paired)
- Belts
- Unwanted handbags
- Knitwear
- Curtains
- Blankets
- Towels
- Bedding

We cannot collect duvets or pillows



Simply place your clean, dry clothes and textiles in any plastic bag, tie the bag, label it or write on the bag 'textiles' and then place it next to your bins on collection day.

Please don't place the bag in your recycling bin, but leave it out separately.

A separate vehicle is being used to collect your bags of textiles and may come either before or after all your bins have been emptied.

As all materials must be clean and dry, try and avoid placing them out for collection in bad weather.



textiles

Charity shops & collections

Please do continue to donate your clothes in good condition to charity. You can still use the textile service for any torn and stained items.

All your old clothes and textiles will either be reused or shredded and made into new products such as filling for mattresses, furniture and cars.





food waste

Do you recycle your food waste?

It's easier, cheaper and it really does make a difference.

Line your indoor caddy

You no longer need to use compostable bin liners and can use any plastic bag. Alternatively you can pick up a **FREE roll of food waste bags** from your local library or from the Maidenhead Town Hall.



You can buy your own indoor caddy to suit your kitchen or improvise with plastic containers such as ice-cream tubs



Emptying your caddy

Once the bag is almost full, tie the bag and place the bag of food waste in your outdoor food recycling bin.

If you no longer have your outdoor bin or it is damaged, please contact us for a new one.



Remember

To put your food bin out for collection along with your other bins. Do remember to keep your outdoor bin locked using the lockable handle.

You can also put your food waste directly into your outdoor food bin either loose or wrapped in newspaper.



Please do not put food waste in your general rubbish bin.

What food can I recycle in my caddy?

You can include food in your recycling bin that you can't compost at home, including raw and cooked meat and fish.



All uneaten food & plate scrapings

Meat - raw & cooked
Fish - raw & cooked
Bones & shellfish



Tea & coffee grounds

Tea bags
Coffee grounds



Dairy

All dairy products
Cheese
Eggs & egg shells



Rice, pasta & beans

Rice
Pasta
Beans



Bread & pastries

Bread
Cakes
Pastries



Fruit & vegetables

All fruit & vegetables - raw & cooked
All fruit & vegetable peelings



No thanks



Packaging of any kind
Liquids such as milk, oil or liquid fat
Any material that is not food waste

LOVE FOOD hate waste

The best thing that can happen to food is that it makes it to our plates and we enjoy it. However almost one third of our rubbish in the borough is food waste. And its not just vegetable

peelings, egg shells and teabags but half of all our food waste was once edible. There are two main reasons why we throw away good food: we cook or prepare too much or we don't use it in time.

The Love Food Hate Waste campaign offers tips and ideas on how we can save money and reduce food waste.

Plan ahead

Recycle what you can't eat

Buy what you need

How to reduce food waste

Eat it all or store leftovers for later

Store correctly

Cook the right amount

Wasting food costs the average family **£60** a month

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For further information on reducing food waste, go online at

www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

What happens to my recycling?



Paper & Card

All the paper and card you recycle is made into new newspaper and cardboard.



Mixed Glass, Bottles & Jars

All the glass bottles and jars you recycle are made into new glass products and aggregate.



Plastic Packaging

All of the plastics you recycle are turned into new bottles, jars and toys.



Metals

All metal you recycle remains in the UK and is turned into new metal products such as drinks cans or even part of your washing machine.



Food Waste

All food waste you recycle is turned into fertiliser for farms locally and into biogas which is converted to electricity and fed to the National Grid.



Garden Waste

All garden waste you recycle is turned into fertiliser for farms locally.



Textiles

All textiles and unwanted clothes you recycle are used for filling in car seats and upholstery.



What can I put in my general rubbish bin?



 **Yes please**

The sort of things you might put in your general rubbish bin are:



 **No thanks**

You cannot put these items into your general rubbish bin:

- Electrical items
- DIY or builders waste
- Turf & soil
- Batteries
- Oil cans & engine oil
- Paint tins
- Mirrors & sheet glass
- Light bulbs
- Gas bottles



These items and any other items that cannot be recycled at home will need to be taken to your local waste and recycling centre.

Please do not put garden waste, food or unwanted clothes in your general rubbish bin.

greenredeem
rewarding action

The Greenredeem scheme rewards you and your local community for recycling. It's really simple – the more you recycle the more points you earn.



You can then choose how you reward yourself. The scheme offers rewards from a wide variety of national and local shops and businesses and also gives you the opportunity to support your local school and good causes.

Residents with wheelie bins have their bins weighed as they're collected. The weight is turned into Greenredeem points and credited shortly afterwards.

If you don't have your own wheelie bin, and recycle in a communal bin, then you can still earn points for recycling. Just tell Greenredeem once a week on the website, smartphone app, or call them.

You'll get 10 points per week and a share of the points for the weight recycled in the community.

Greenredeem is available to all residents in the borough.



To find out more, register online at www.greenredeem.co.uk, download the free app or telephone **0344 409 9490**

Home composting

We have teamed up with Get Composting to provide reduced price compost bins.

Green garden waste and vegetable and fruit peelings can be turned into a rich compost to keep your garden blooming year after year.

Anything you can't compost can be put in your food waste bin for recycling.

If you would like to order a discounted home composter please call **0800 316 4454** or order online at www.getcomposting.com

