

KEEP IT CLEAN KEEP IT GREEN

Your household recycling and waste collection service



For more information visit
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/wheelie-bins

About your new waste and recycling collections

Households in Milton Keynes have their recycling and waste collected using a variety of bins. Most properties use wheeled bins, while others use sacks or communal bins. Scan the QR code below to find out the collection day for your property.

When will my bins be emptied?

Green bins and black bins or sacks are collected weekly. Blue and red bins or sacks are collected on alternate weeks, with blue one week and red the next. Pink and black communal bins are collected at least weekly.

Scan the QR code here to find out the collection day for your property.



On collection day, please:

- Check which recycling bin is due for collection this week with the Collection Calendar
- Put your bin out by 7am
- Ensure the bin lid is fully closed
- Return your bins to your property once emptied

When recycling, if in doubt, leave it out.

Update your recycling knowledge at [www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/ recycling](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling)

Your questions answered

Why are there two recycling bins/sacks?

Separating paper/card from plastic/metals/glass help us recycle more items, which is better for the environment. It also puts Milton Keynes ahead of expected new legislation that will eventually require all households to separate recycling into more containers.

What if my rubbish doesn't fit in my black bin?

Excess rubbish that doesn't fit in your bin won't be collected. Over half of the waste thrown away could be recycled. Recycling as much as possible each week reduces waste in your black bin. Large household waste items can be taken to your local household recycling centre.

If you are struggling to fit all your rubbish in the black bin, visit our website to learn about how to recycle more.

What happens if my bin isn't emptied?

If your bin is missed, or if you have any other issues about collections, please let us know at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/report-it-waste

Can I get extra help to move my bins?

If you have a disability or medical condition and there is nobody else in your household who can put your waste out, you may be eligible for an assisted collection. (we may ask for proof of disability)

We can arrange for our collection crew to collect your bins from just outside your front door instead of the boundary.

Contact Customer Services at: customerservices@milton-keynes.gov.uk or call them on **01908 252570**



Blue lid bins or blue sacks: plastic, metal and glass



What goes in?

Yes please ✓

Must be clean!

- Food tins and drinks cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cartons and foil
- Household plastic packaging
- Empty aerosols
- Household metal and packaging

No thanks ✗

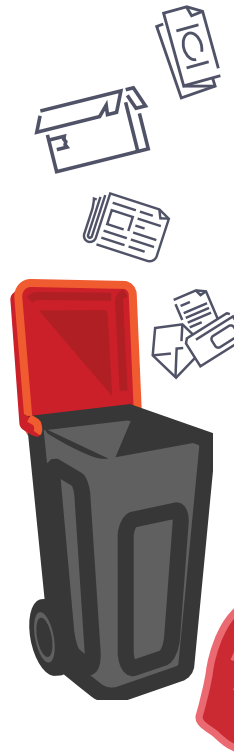
Nothing with food or drink inside

- Nappies
- Clothes or fabrics
- Crisps, biscuits or sweet wrappers
- Hard plastic like furniture or toys
- DIY garden and chemical bottles
- Plastic bags
- Coffee capsules or pods
- Metal pans or tools

For these recycling bins, there's no need to bag recycling waste.

Recycling should go into your wheelie bins loose, and not in bags, or the collection crew may think your bins are contaminated

Red lid bins or red sacks: paper and cardboard



What goes in?

Yes please ✓

Must be dry!

- Paper
- Card
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Cardboard

No thanks ✗

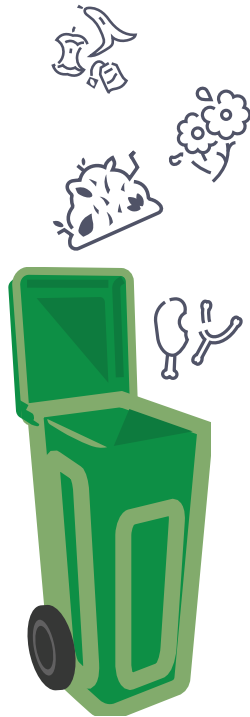
- Plastic and packaging
- Tissues and kitchen roll
- Greaseproof paper
- Glitter or foil wrapping paper
- Greetings cards with glitter or attachments

For these recycling bins, there's no need to bag recycling waste.

When recycling, if in doubt, leave it out.

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Green bin: food and garden waste



What goes in?

Yes please ✓

- All cooked and raw food waste
- Flowers, grass, leaves, plants, twigs, weeds and fruit
- Small branches up to 15cm in diameter
- Tea bags, coffee grounds, peelings, bones, pet food, dairy etc
- Bread and baked goods
- Mouldy or out of date food

No thanks ✗

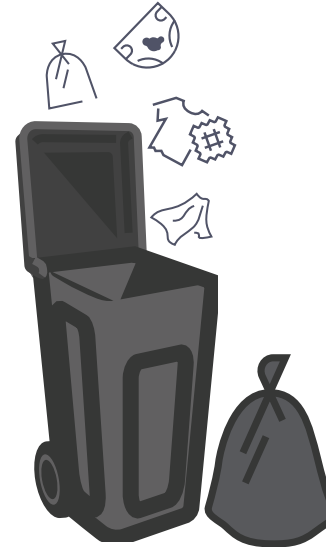
- No packaging of any kind
- Animal waste including dog poo, cat litter, hamster/gerbil bedding etc
- Branches over 15cm in diameter
- Japanese knotweed
- Plant pots
- Soil
- Plastic carrier bags or caddy liners

Collected weekly

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- Return your bins to your property once emptied

Black bins or black sacks: household waste that can't be recycled



What goes in?

Yes please ✓

- Waste that can't be recycled
- Nappies and double bagged animal waste can ONLY go in the black bin/sack
- Find a full list at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling

No thanks ✗

- Items that you can recycle
- Hot ash, soil or rubble
- Bulky or electrical items
- Gas canisters of any kind
- Batteries

Yellow bag: batteries

Collected as needed,
place battery bags on top
of your green bin for
collection

You can also take batteries
to supermarkets for recycling

What goes in?

Yes please ✓

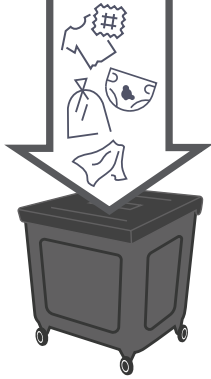
Household batteries
Laptop batteries
Mobile phone batteries

No thanks ✗

Household batteries that are leaking
Car batteries - recycle at tip instead

Communal bins for flats

WEEKLY
Non-recyclable
waste



What goes in?

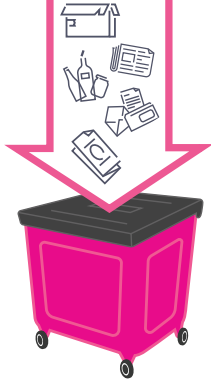
Yes please ✓

- Waste that can't be recycled
- Nappies and double bagged animal waste can ONLY go in the black bin

No thanks ✗

- Waste that can't be recycled
- Items that you can recycle
- Hot ash, soil, or rubble
- Bulky or electrical items
- Gas canisters of any kind

WEEKLY
Recyclable
waste



What goes in?

Yes please ✓

- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, ready meal containers
- Tins and cans and empty aerosols
- Mixed paper and card
- Glass bottles and jars

Recycling
goes into
the pink bin
loose

No thanks ✗

- Used or unused nappies
- Plastic wrap such as from the top of ready meals
- Hard plastic such as furniture or toys

