

 recycle for Dundee

# Your **NEW** city-wide recycling service

All you need to know

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in your blue and  
burgundy bins  
has changed.



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# Helping you recycle more

Thank you for recycling your household waste. With your help the recycling rate in Dundee is approaching 40%.

However, we could be doing more to help meet Scotland's ambitious targets of recycling 70% of waste by 2025.

Your recycling is really making a difference.  
**Thank you!**

# Changes to your waste collection service

This leaflet provides you with important information on what changes are being made to your waste collection service and how to use it.

In line with many other Local Authorities, we are making these changes as part of our commitment to the Scottish Government's Household Recycling Charter, which aims to make waste collection systems across Scotland more consistent and achieve a greater value from recycling by improving material quality.

# Your new city-wide recycling service

What goes in your blue and burgundy bins has changed.

**Blue Bin**  
Paper, card and cardboard

**Burgundy Bin**  
Metals, plastics and cartons



**Brown Bin**  
Garden waste  
(refer to p12 for seasonal changes)

**Food Waste Containers**  
Cooked and uncooked food waste

**Bring Site**  
Glass bottles and jars  
Please take to your nearest Bring Site

**Grey Bin**  
Household waste that can't be recycled



# Paper, card and cardboard



## Yes

### Paper

#### Clean and dry

- ✓ Newspapers
- ✓ Magazines, catalogues and directories
- ✓ Junk mail
- ✓ Letters and envelopes
- ✓ Office and shredded paper
- ✓ Paperback books
- ✓ Wrapping paper

### Cardboard

#### Flattened

- ✓ Large and small cardboard boxes
- ✓ Brown corrugated packaging
- ✓ Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- ✓ Greetings cards

## No

### Paper

- ✗ Tissues and Napkins
- ✗ Padded Envelopes
- ✗ Hardback Books
- ✗ Kitchen Towels
- ✗ Wet Paper
- ✗ Wallpaper

What goes in your blue bin has changed.



- 1 Collect your recycling and flatten your cardboard.



- 2 Place your recycling into your blue or blue lidded bin. Your accompanying letter will have information on what bins will be provided for your property.



- 3 We will collect your communal blue or blue lidded bin from the area your bin is stored every four weeks.



- 4 Paper and card can be recycled into new newspapers and packaging.

# Metals, plastics and cartons

Metal cans and tins, plastic pots, tubs and trays, and cartons



## Yes

### Metals

#### Empty and rinsed

- ✓ Food and Drinks Cans
- ✓ Empty Aerosols
- ✓ Foil Trays
- ✓ Aluminium Foil
- ✓ Chocolate and Biscuit Tins
- ✓ Metal Lids

### Plastics

#### Rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Food and Drink Bottles
- ✓ Toiletry Bottles
- ✓ Tablet and Medicine Bottles
- ✓ Pots, Tubs and Trays
- ✓ Lids and Tops

### Cartons

#### Rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Soup cartons
- ✓ Juice cartons
- ✓ Other cartons

## No

- ✗ Plastic Bags, Liners and Cling-film
- ✗ Crisp bags
- ✗ Bubble Wrap
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Plastic Wrappers and Netting
- ✗ Plastic Cups and Straws
- ✗ Small and Large Electricals
- ✗ Batteries and Wire
- ✗ Oil and Paint Cans
- ✗ Cutlery
- ✗ Gas Bottles
- ✗ Metal Pots, Pans and Trays



What goes in your burgundy bin has changed.



- 1 Rinse your metals, and rinse and squash your plastics and cartons.



- 2 Place your recycling into your burgundy or red lidded bin. Your accompanying letter will have information on what bins will be provided for your property.



- 3 We will collect your communal burgundy or red lidded bin from the area your bin is stored every three weeks.



- Metals, plastics and cartons can be recycled into new aerosols, plastic bottles, tins and cans.

Take to your nearest **Bring Site**

# Glass

## Glass bottles and jars



### Yes

#### **Glass bottles and jars**

- ✓ Food and Drink Bottles and Jars
- ✓ Condiment Bottles and Jars
- ✓ Toiletry and Perfume Bottles

### No

- ✗ Crockery, Ceramics and Pyrex
- ✗ Windows and Mirrors
- ✗ Drinking Glasses
- ✗ Light Bulbs

Please collect and rinse all your glass bottles and jars (with lids removed) and take them to your nearest Bring Site to be recycled.



All your glass bottles and jars can be recycled into new glass bottles and jars.



#### **Top Tips!**

Metal lids from your glass bottles and jars can go in your communal burgundy or red lidded bins.

**Find your nearest Bring Site**

[www.dundee.gov.uk/environment/nrprecycle](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/environment/nrprecycle)  
01382 434300

# Food Waste

All types of food waste –  
cooked and uncooked  
including bones



## Yes

### Cooked and uncooked

- ✓ Dairy and eggshells
- ✓ Fish, meat and bones
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables (and peelings)
- ✓ Bread and cakes
- ✓ Rice, pasta and pizza
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Pet foods
- ✓ Unpackaged out of date food

## No

✗ No liquids please



### Top Tips!

You can use compostable liners,  
plastic bags or newspaper to  
line your caddy.  
Please do **NOT** use black bags.



**1** Put all cooked and uncooked food waste into your kitchen caddy which should be lined with a compostable liner, plastic bag or newspaper.

**2** When the liner is almost full, tie and remove it from the kitchen caddy and place the full liner in your communal food waste container.

### Top Tips!

Use your kitchen caddy to carry your food waste to your communal container.



Your food waste is taken to a special processing plant where it is recycled and turned into valuable resources such as agricultural fertiliser and energy.

# Garden Waste



## Yes

- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Leaves and bark
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Hedge trimmings
- ✓ Weeds
- ✓ Twigs

## No

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Kitchen waste e.g. meat, dairy or veg peelings
- ✗ Pet waste
- ✗ Soil and turf
- ✗ Stones

**\* Please note  
brown bins are  
collected fortnightly  
from March to  
November.**

Not all properties will  
receive this service.



**Check your collection dates for Garden Waste**

[www.dundee.gov.uk/forms/wastemgt\\_calendars.php](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/forms/wastemgt_calendars.php)

# Household Waste

**All household waste  
that can't be recycled**

## Yes

- ✓ Any item that cannot be recycled
- ✓ Polystyrene packaging
- ✓ Plastic film
- ✓ Nappies

## No

- ✗ Any item that can be recycled using your new recycling services, any item of furniture or electrical items.



# Frequently asked questions...

**Why are these changes being introduced?**

Dundee City Council is introducing these changes as part of our commitment to the Scottish Government's Charter for Household Recycling in Scotland. The Charter aims to increase the quality of materials collected for recycling by ensuring that different types of material are collected separately wherever possible. These changes will make it easier for households to recycle and align waste collection systems across both Dundee and Scotland.

**What type of communal bins will I be receiving?**

We have included a letter with this leaflet explaining the type of bins your property will use for your household waste and recycling.

**What if I have extra waste that won't fit in my bin?**

If you have extra waste or recycling you can take it, free of charge, to one of Dundee's recycling centres at Baldovie and Riverside, please see p15 of this leaflet for more details. Or make use of the Special Uplift service (charges apply) - call 01382 436238 for details. Communal eurobins should only be used for household waste & should NOT be used for electrical items, furniture or large, bulky items.

**Will my assisted collection service still be available?**

If you already have an assisted collection for your grey, blue and burgundy bins, this service will continue. If everyone in the household is over 70, or has a disability, they can request an assisted collection by contacting us on 01382 434300.

# Your household waste recycling centres



**Dundee has two Recycling Centres to allow you to recycle a wide range of materials.**

Please ensure that all recyclable material is separated before you visit the site. Staff are on site to offer advice and direct you to the correct container.

Unwanted furniture and other household items which can be repaired can also be donated for re-use at the Re-Use Hub at Baldovie Recycling Centre.

Opening times may vary during Summer and Winter months. Please check opening times for your nearest Recycling Centre by contacting:

[www.dundee.gov.uk/environment/recyclingcentres](http://www.dundee.gov.uk/environment/recyclingcentres)

**01382 433710 (option 4)**

**Baldovie Recycling Centre**

Piper Street  
Dundee DD4 0NT

**Riverside Recycling Centre**

Wright Avenue  
Dundee DD2 1UR

For more information:

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