Thank you for recycling!

It’s easy to reduce, reuse and recycle your waste in Wiltshire.

The average household in Wiltshire produces over one tonne of waste a year, but most people should be able to recycle over half the contents of their bin.

This guide will help to remind you what you can recycle in which container and what you can do to reduce or reuse your waste.

Please remember that all waste and recycling bins should be placed kerbside or at agreed collection point by 7am on your collection day.

Christmas collections
Collection dates may change over the Christmas and New Year period. You can check your collection dates and print off your collection calendar online at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste
Your plastic bottle and cardboard recycling collection

Your blue lidded bin is for recycling plastic bottles and cardboard and is collected once a fortnight. What can be recycled in your blue lidded bin?

### Plastic bottles

**Yes please**
- ✓ washing up bottles
- ✓ milk bottles, fizzy drinks bottles, fresh juice bottles
- ✓ shampoo bottles, handwash bottles
- ✓ cleaning product bottles, bleach bottles
- ✓ yogurt drink bottles

**No thank you**
- ✓ ice cream tubs
- ✓ yogurt pots
- ✓ margarine tubs
- ✓ plastic packaging
- ✓ crisp packets
- ✓ meat trays

### Cardboard

**Yes please**
- ✓ cereal boxes, egg boxes (cardboard only), food boxes
- ✓ ready meal sleeves
- ✓ corrugated cardboard
- ✓ shredded paper (clean)
- ✓ brown paper
- ✓ greeting cards

**No thank you**
- ✓ waxed cartons
- ✓ yogurt pots
- ✓ paper (please recycle this in your black box)
- ✓ books

- Please don’t bag your plastic bottles and cardboard separately. They can go in the bin loose.
- Please wash, squash and put the lids back on plastic bottles. Keep cardboard clean and flattened.
- All material must be contained within the bin, with the lid closed.
- Instead of putting shredded paper in your bin loose, why not put it in an old paper envelope or cardboard box and then put it in your recycling bin. Please do not use plastic bags.
- Reusable blue bags are available instead of a blue bin for anyone who does not have space to store additional wheeled bins. For more information, please contact the council.
Your black box recycling collection service

Your black recycling box is for recycling paper, glass, cans, foil, clothes and shoes. Boxes will be collected once a fortnight.

What can be recycled in your black recycling box?

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<td>✓ food tins and drink cans</td>
<td>✗ plastics</td>
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<td>✓ mixed glass, bottles and jars</td>
<td>✓ flat glass</td>
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<td>✓ paper</td>
<td>✓ cardboard</td>
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<td>✓ aerosols and foil</td>
<td>✓ batteries</td>
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<td>✓ mixed textiles and clothes</td>
<td>✓ household waste and books</td>
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• You can have two black recycling boxes free of charge. To order a second box, please contact the council.
• Please rinse out any cans, bottles and jars before putting in your bin. Lids can be left on.
• Remember, you do not need to remove plastic windows from envelopes.
• Please do not put shredded paper in your black recycling box. This can be recycled in your blue lidded bin.
• Please put any clothes and shoes in a bag and place them on top of your box for collection.
Your optional garden waste collection service

You can sign up and pay for a garden waste bin that will be emptied fortnightly.

You can pay securely online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste, payment can be made by debit or credit card, or over the phone by calling 0300 456 0102.

You will receive a letter with your collection dates and a sticker to place on your bin to identify that you have signed up for the service.

Garden waste bins will be emptied fortnightly except for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

What can I put in my garden waste bin?

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<td>✓ bark</td>
<td>✗ fruit/vegetable peelings</td>
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<td>✓ cut flowers</td>
<td>✗ food waste</td>
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<td>✓ grass cuttings</td>
<td>✗ cardboard</td>
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<td>✓ weeds and leaves</td>
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<td>✓ hedge clippings</td>
<td>✗ soil and rubble</td>
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<td>✓ house plants</td>
<td>✗ pet litter and animal waste</td>
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<td>✓ twigs and small branches</td>
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- Please do not bag your garden waste using paper or plastic bags (even those marked as biodegradable).
- In addition to the garden waste collection service the council offer subsidised compost bins called Green Johannas which can compost all food waste as well as garden waste. For more information please contact the council.
You can **recycle more** at your local household recycling centre

There are 11 household recycling centres in Wiltshire where residents can take a wider range of materials for recycling.

Household recycling centres have different opening hours and take different items. Please check online before you visit. Vans, pick-ups and large trailers will require a permit to visit. Please apply online.

For information on opening hours, what you can take, and permits please visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres)

**Charity collections for reusing your furniture and household items**

There are lots of local reuse groups in Wiltshire which collect a wide range of household items for reuse, and many will come and collect your items for free.

**Items that can be reused include:**

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<td>❑ sofas (with fire retardant labels)</td>
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<td>❑ kitchen equipment (cutlery, pots and pans, plates)</td>
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<td>❑ beds, cots</td>
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<td>❑ white goods</td>
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<td>❑ blankets, duvet covers and pillow cases</td>
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If these options are not suitable, the council runs a charged collection service for furniture and household items. **For more information on your local reuse charity or the council’s charged collection service please contact the council.**
Household Waste

Only waste which cannot be recycled in your recycling containers should be put in this bin.

You can recycle most of your waste at the kerbside. Only the remaining waste that cannot be recycled should be placed in this bin.

Your household waste is collected once a fortnight.

Please remember to put all your waste inside your bin and keep your bin lid closed.

Struggling with your bin?

There are lots of easy and cheap ways you can reduce your waste.

- Choose items which are not heavily packaged or use packaging that can be reused.
- Buy fruit and vegetables loose instead of packaged.
- Buy reusable or refillable items instead of single use, including batteries, razors and bags.
- Why not try using real nappies instead of disposables. They can save you money and space in your bin. Contact the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust on 01380 725670 for advice.
- Repair your loved items instead of throwing them away.
- Donate clothes, shoes, furniture, bric-a-brac, books, CDs, bedding, household goods, pots and pans, and white goods to local charities.
- The Love Food Hate Waste website can help you reduce your food waste by giving you lots of helpful tips including advice on portion planning and cooking with leftovers.
Contact us

If you would like more information about any of your waste and recycling collection services, including checking your collection dates, ordering a new/replacement bin or to request assistance with your collections please contact the council:

by visiting:
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/waste

by phoning:
0300 456 0102

by emailing:
Wasteandrecycling@wiltshire.gov.uk

Information about Wiltshire Council services can be made available on request in other languages and formats such as large print and audio. Please contact the council by telephone on 0300 456 0100 or email customerservices@wiltshire.gov.uk