



# RECYCLING GUIDE



## Collections in Hertsmere

We collect from your property on the same day every week and we encourage you to recycle as much of your waste as possible.

Every house should have:

- a brown bin for mixed recycling
- a black bin for non-recyclables
- a silver bin for food waste

If you subscribe to our garden waste collection service you will also have a green bin.

**On Week 1  
we will collect  
your black and  
silver bins**



**On Week 2  
we will collect  
your green,  
brown and  
silver bins**



**Please present your bin on the boundary of your property by 6am on collection day.**

You can find out which collection week it is by downloading a collection calendar at [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/BinCollections](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/BinCollections)

### Recycling in flats

Your collections may vary if you live in a property with communal bin stores.  
For more information please visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/RecyclinginFlats](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/RecyclinginFlats)



## Black bin

Use this bin for waste that cannot go in your recycling bins.

The black bin is for general waste but there are still some items that are not acceptable including: batteries, vapes/e-cigarettes and electrical items, paint/paint containers, soil, gas cylinders and DIY waste such as bricks, rubble, asbestos and plasterboard.

You can take most of these items to your local Recycling Centre located at Allum Lane in Elstree or Cranborne Road in Potters Bar.

Check opening times: [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres).

Asbestos and other hazardous items may need specialist removal.

### IMPORTANT

Hot ash, batteries, vapes and gas cylinders in the back of our vehicles can lead to a fire. Please allow all fire/BBQ ash to cool completely before putting in your black bin. Batteries and vapes **MUST** be disposed of correctly with other electrical waste, check here: [www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk](http://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk)





# Mixed recycling bin (brown bin)

Use this bin to recycle glass, cartons, plastic, cans, cardboard and paper.

If recycling bins contain the wrong items they will not be emptied. Please only put acceptable items in and **'if in doubt, leave it out!'**

## IMPORTANT

Items must be:

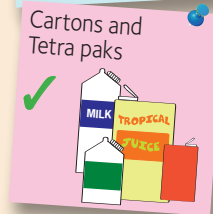
### • Loose, not bagged

If you are using a bag to carry your recyclables to the bin please empty the items into the recycling bin first, then dispose of the bag in the general waste bin or reuse it.

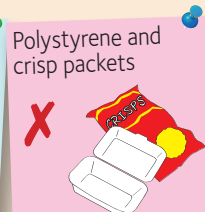
### • Clean and empty

Please rinse off any food residue. Pizza boxes, dirty foil and any other food containers with food stuck to them are not acceptable.

## YES PLEASE



## NO THANKS





# Food waste recycling (silver bin)

Use this bin for your peelings, food prep and leftovers.

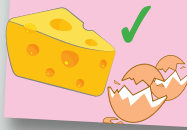
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## YES PLEASE

All uneaten food and plate scrapings



Dairy products, cheese and eggs



Bread, cakes and pastries



Raw meat, cooked meat and bones



Tea bags and coffee grounds



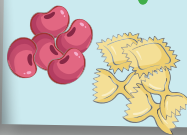
Raw vegetables, cooked vegetables, whole fruit and peelings



Fish, cooked fish and bones



Rice, pasta and beans



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

## NO THANKS

- Packaging of any kind – except plastic bags used as liners
- Liquids such as milk
- Oil or liquid fat
- Black bags
- Newspapers
- Any material that is not food waste

## How to recycle your food waste

Many people use a kitchen caddy for their food waste. These are available, free of charge, from centres across the borough – find your nearest site: [hertsmere.gov.uk/foodwaste](http://hertsmere.gov.uk/foodwaste)



### Top tip

You can use your own container, like a biscuit tin or ice-cream tub – do whatever works for you.

- 1 Use a liner or reuse a plastic bag to line your kitchen caddy – the only thing you can't use is a black bag.



### Top tip

You can reuse a plastic bag, such as a bread bag, salad bag or cereal bag.

- 2 Once full, empty the contents of the kitchen caddy directly into your silver food bin. Alternatively, tie the liner and place it in your silver bin.



Please put your food recycling out for collection by 6am every week on your collection day.



# Green recycling bin

If you have a subscription you can use your green bin for garden waste.  
To sign up visit [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/GardenWaste](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/GardenWaste)

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## YES PLEASE



## NO THANKS



### IMPORTANT Abuse to our crews

Whilst most people recycle well and are happy with the service we offer, there are some residents who abuse our crews when they are just doing their job. **We will not tolerate aggressive or abusive behaviour aimed at our employees and may report incidents to the police.** All of our vehicles are fitted with CCTV.

