

 recycle for Scotland

Your recycling service is changing

What you need to know to get ready



You can help maintain local services by recycling from all around your home – a winning combination.

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WESTERN ISLES**

What's changing?

Recycling is one of the most effective ways to protect our environment. Yet Scotland alone still sends well over 650,000 tonnes of household waste to landfill each year - that's more than half a tonne of waste produced by each person every year!

What's more, as of 2022, for each tonne of waste that goes to landfill, the Comhairle has to pay £98.60 in Landfill Tax - the equivalent of over £1.47 million per year. This tax is on top of the ever increasing costs of developing landfill site capacity to comply with new environmental standards. That's a lot of money going to waste - money which could be much better spent on services like education and homecare, or even sport and leisure facilities.

That's why we're making improvements to your waste services, to make it easier for everyone across the Western Isles to recycle their household waste more efficiently. These changes will not only save valuable time, money and resources, they will also improve our overall recycling rates and drive us towards a more climate friendly Scotland.

If you are receiving the blue and green bin recycling service for the first time and would like additional advice, please contact Zero Waste Western Isles on 01851 709900.

What's happening to your collection frequency?

- Your non-recyclable waste bin will be collected every 3 weeks
- Your organic bin for food and garden waste will be collected every 3 weeks
- Your blue bin for mixed recycling will be collected every 3 weeks
- Your green bin for glass will be collected every 9 weeks

For the most up to date information regarding collection dates for your bins, please visit www.cne-siar.gov.uk or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

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Your kerbside recycling service

Blue Bin

Mixed Recycling

Collected every 3 weeks



Green Bin

Glass

Collected every 9 weeks



Grey Bin (Yellow Sticker)

Food & Garden waste

Collected every 3 weeks



Grey Bin (Purple Sticker)

Non-recyclable waste

Collected every 3 weeks



Please ensure that your bin is out at the kerbside by 8 am on the day of collection.

Please make sure your house number or house name is clearly marked on your bins, so they can be easily identified on collection day.

Collected every 3 weeks

Mixed Recycling



Yes

- ✓ Plastic bottles & trays
- ✓ Thin cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
- ✓ Shampoo & detergent bottles
- ✓ Envelopes & junk mail
- ✓ Margarine tubs & yoghurt pots
- ✓ Clean paper & magazines
- ✓ Food tins & drinks cans
- ✓ Greeting cards & brochures
- ✓ Aerosols

No

- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Scrap metal or car parts
- ✗ Food & flowers
- ✗ Textiles
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Plastic carrier bags
- ✗ Thick cardboard
- ✗ Cling film & plastic wrappers
- ✗ Shredded paper
- ✗ Dirty or soiled paper & tissues

Top Tips!

Don't put recyclable materials into plastic bags - place them loosely in your blue bin.






1 Collect your recycling, then flatten your cardboard, rinse your metals, and rinse and squash your plastics and cartons.

2 Place your recycling into the blue bin.



3 Place your bin at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every three weeks.

 Your recycled materials are then used to create all sorts of items such as packaging, bags, car components, furniture, building materials and even aeroplane parts!

Collected every 9 weeks

Glass Bottles and Jars

You can recycle glass bottles and jars of any colour.



Yes

- ✓ Food and drink bottles and jars
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Food and drink bottles and jars
- ✓ Condiment bottles and jars
- ✓ Toiletry and perfume bottles

Metal bottle tops and corks can go in this recycling bin.

No

- ✗ Crockery, ceramics and pyrex
- ✗ Windows and mirrors
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Broken glass

Top Tips!

You can recycle glass of **all** colours.






1 Wash your glass bottles and jars.

2 Place your glass recycling into the green bin. Metal bottle tops and corks can go in this bin too.



3 Your glass bin should be placed at the kerbside on your collection day and we will collect it every nine weeks.



 Glass bottles and jars can be recycled into new glass products.

Collected every 3 weeks

Food & Garden Waste



All types of food waste

– cooked, uncooked and garden waste

Yes

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Cardboard and paper contaminated with food e.g. pizza boxes and kitchen roll
- ✓ Thick cardboard
- ✓ Shredded paper
- ✓ Grass and hedge cuttings
- ✓ Flowers

No

- ✗ Thin cardboard (e.g. cereal boxes)
- ✗ Soil & stones
- ✗ Clean paper
- ✗ Ashes
- ✗ Plastics & plastic bags
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Textiles
- ✗ Metal

Top Tips!

Keep your indoor caddy clean and fresh by using new bio-degradable liners (please don't use plastic bags). And remember, you can even recycle meat and bones.

Keeping your caddy clean

- You can empty your kitchen caddy as often as needed.
- Avoid spillages by only filling the liner 3/4 full before tying.
- Give your caddy a quick clean after emptying it and then replace the liner.






1 Put all cooked and uncooked food waste into your kitchen caddy which should be lined with a compostable liner.

2 When your food caddy is almost full, tie the liner and remove it from the kitchen caddy.



3 Put the full liner into your organic waste bin, then place it at the kerbside on your collection day. Garden waste should be put directly into the bin and we will collect it every three weeks.

 Your food and garden waste is then processed using an anaerobic digester into a compost like material.

Collected every 3 weeks

Non Recyclable Waste

All non-recyclable waste for landfill

Yes

- ✓ Ashes & cat litter
- ✓ Nappies & Wipes
- ✓ Sharps (Razors etc.)
- ✓ Face wipes & cotton buds
- ✓ Crisp packets & wrappers
- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✓ Plastic packaging/
cellophane/bags

No

Anything that can be recycled, such as:

- ✗ Plastic bottles, tubs & trays
- ✗ Cans
- ✗ Paper
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Cardboard
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Garden waste

Top Tips!

Many soft plastics, including plastic bags, crisp packets and salad bags can be recycled at your local supermarket.



Our policy is one non-recyclable waste bin per household. However, in special circumstances, including medical needs and large families you can request a second bin.

Contamination

Our collection crews will carry out visual inspections of bins before collection.

If any of your bins have the wrong materials in them, we won't empty them.

This is because these materials will contaminate the rest of the material in the lorry, so the entire load will be rejected and sent to landfill.

It is the responsibility of the householder to put the right items in the right bins before the next collection day.

Please note that we do not come back for any bins which have been left due to contamination.



Love Food Hate Waste



Scotland throws away **600,000** tonnes of food and drink from our homes every year, most of which could have been eaten.



This waste costs us over **£1 billion** a year, or **£440** for the average household.

While your food waste recycling service is great for disposing of unavoidable food waste like peelings, bones and fruit cores, reducing the amount we waste in the first place can save us money and benefit the environment.



For hints, tips and recipes to help use up your leftovers visit:
scotland.lovefoodhatewaste.com

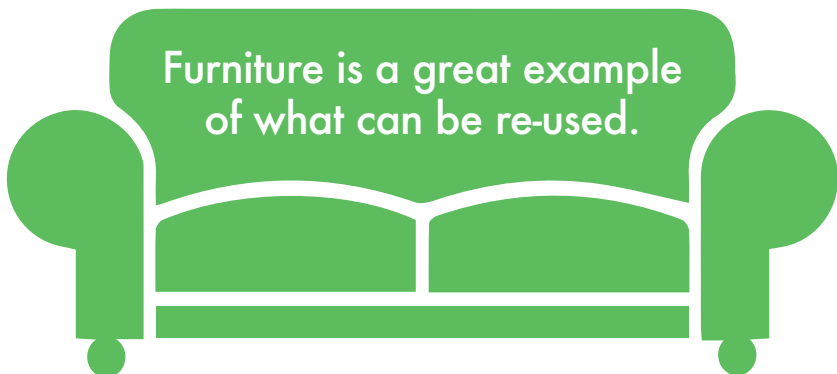
Every year in Scotland many potentially re-useable items are sent to landfill.

There are great re-use organisations in the region that offer alternative ways to dispose of your unwanted items whilst helping your local community, the environment, and reducing the volume and cost of waste sent to landfill.

If you have large items at home that you no longer need and are still in good condition, why not donate them for re-use. You can search for re-use organisations in your area at: zws.scot/reuse-tool or use local sales and wanted sites, ebay, gumtree or Facebook marketplace.

Why re-use?

- You'll be benefiting your local community and charitable organisations by supporting employment and volunteering opportunities.
- You'll be helping to reduce the amount of items being sent to landfill, reducing the environmental impact of waste. If items are in good condition, please put them in re-use containers where available.
- You'll be saving your Local Authority in landfill disposal costs; money which can be better spent in your community.



Your Household Recycling and Re-use Centres

There are a number of Recycling Centres throughout the Western Isles where you can drop off items to be reused and recycled.

How to use your Recycling Centre

- Wood / Timber
- Metals
- Garden Waste (no top soil with stones)
- General Waste

Other items which are accepted for recycling include:

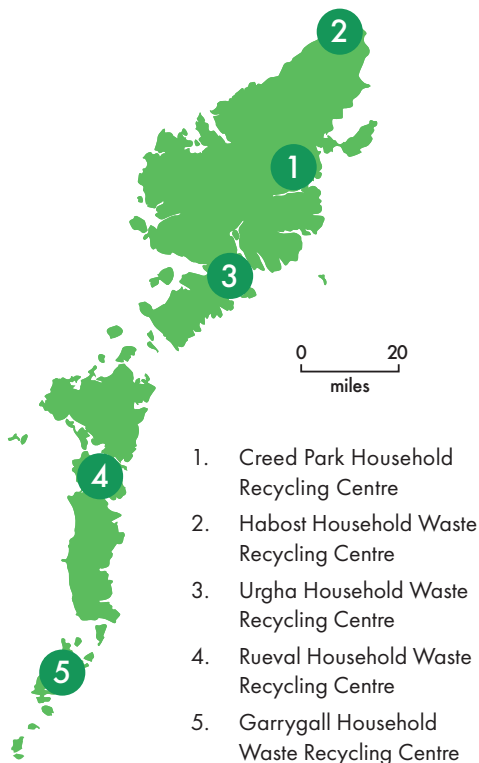
- Fridges / Freezers
- Cookers / Washing Machines / Tumble Dryers
- TV's, Computers, Monitors
- Small Electrical items (i.e. Kettles, Toasters, Hairdryers etc)

For more information about your local Recycling Centre, where it is and what you can recycle, find us online or contacting us at:

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How to use your Recycling Centre:

- Always separate your waste before visiting the site.
- Do not bring unsorted waste in bags as many items can be recycled at the site.
- Do not put recyclable materials in the landfill skips.



Frequently asked questions...

Can I recycle electrical items

There are a number of ways to recycle electrical goods. Your local Recycling Centre will have facilities for recycling these items. The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive sets targets for increasing the recycling rate for all electrical goods.

Many companies that sell electrical goods will now also take away your old appliances when they deliver the new one.

Some charity shops will also accept electrical goods.

Why don't you accept plastic bags for recycling?

Plastic bags are made of a range of lower-value plastics which are difficult to sort and re-process.

They can contaminate other materials and become entangled in the sorting machinery. Re-use your carrier bags or take them to a supermarket that has a recycling collection for bags. Many supermarkets will also take a wide range of plastics for recycling such as carrier bags and soft film plastics.

Where can I get new food waste liners?

Food waste liners may be available in your local supermarkets or shop. If you require more information on liners, please contact **01851 709900**.

How can I reduce my waste?

- **Recycle packaging including card, plastics and soft plastics where possible.** Buy loose items where possible - fruit and vegetables can often be bought without packaging; but when buying loose only, buy what you need and store carefully, so that the food stays fresh. Some store cupboard essentials, like pasta, may also be available at refill shops where you can take your own containers.
- **Only buy what you need by planning your meals,** making a shopping list and sticking to it.
- **Use up your leftovers.**
- **Check out if unwanted items can be reused.**
- **And make things last.**

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