

# Recycling & Refuse Collection Guide



[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/whatgoesinwhichbin)  
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# Important points to remember

## The Law and How it Affects You

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990 - Statutory Notice

Under powers contained in Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Huntingdonshire District Council, acting in its capacity as the Statutory Waste Collection Authority for the District, has specified that it will provide waste and recycling collection services to residents of the district in the following manner:

- 1. The Council will collect waste set out for collection only in the containers provided by the Council to residents for that purpose.**
- 2. Waste containers must be made available for collection by 6.30am on the day of collection.**
- 3. Waste containers must not be placed out before 6.00pm on the day before the collection.**
- 4. The point of collection will be 'edge of premise', which is defined as the point where individual properties meet the adopted public highway.**
- 5. Wheeled bins should be removed from the highway and returned to premises by the resident as soon as reasonably possible after collections have been made.**
- 6. Unless otherwise specifically agreed as part of the service, only waste fully contained in the containers provided will be collected. Excess waste will not be collected.**
- 7. Materials for recycling that are found to be contaminated with other waste materials will not be collected.**

Collection dates and bank holiday arrangements can be viewed via the online calendar at [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/bins) or contact us on 01480 388640



Find your bin collection calendar here

 [recycleforhuntingdonshire](#)  
 [recyclewithHDC](#)

## Top Tips for easy recycling of your plastics

- Place all the plastic packaging in the blue bin with your plastic bottles. Make sure there are no black bags.
- Remember, you can include plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles from around the house – not just the kitchen.
- Please rinse your containers out with old dishwater before recycling, to prevent food contaminating the other materials.

## Save space in your recycling bin!

Squash materials such as plastic bottles, cereal boxes and cans.

## What happens to the waste that is put in the recycling bin?

It is taken to a Materials Recovery Facility, where it is sorted into the different materials and sent to various reprocessors for recycling. Watch our videos at [www.recap.co.uk](http://www.recap.co.uk) to find out what happens to your recycling.

## Why can't black plastic sacks go into my recycling bin?

Only clear sacks are allowed as it enables our collection crews to easily identify the contents as recycling materials.

## Where can I recycle other materials?

A wide range of materials can be recycled at sites throughout the district. Visit [www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/recyclingcentres) to find out where your nearest recycling point is.

## Soil and Turf:

We are happy to collect a small amount of soil such as that from a medium sized potted plant and a small amount of turf such as off cuts via the garden waste collections.

## Smaller domestic wheeled bin

Smaller domestic wheeled bins available. Are you finding that most of your waste is now going into your blue and green bins meaning you have little waste going into your grey bin? Call us today to request a smaller grey bin.



# COMPOSTING

We collect garden waste from households in the district using wheeled bins.



Garden waste



Food waste

## Top Tip

If you use a container in your kitchen to collect green waste, line with newspaper, a paper towel or a paper sack to help keep it clean.



Shredded paper mixed with garden waste



Untreated wood

- NO** Plastic, including food wrappers, biodegradable bags and plant pots
- NO** Other domestic refuse
- NO** Turf & soil
- NO** Rubble & stones
- NO** Treated wood - this can be recycled at your local Household Recycling Centre
- NO** Cat or dog waste

# RECYCLING

We collect dry recyclable waste within your wheeled bin, green box or clear sacks.



Glass bottles & jars



Milk & Juice Cartons



Pots, tubs and trays



Clean foil



Newspapers



Cardboard



All plastic bottles



Aerosols



Cans & tins



Paper, magazines & envelopes



Plastic packaging including carrier bags

- NO** Black sacks
- NO** Clothes and shoes - take to charity shops or clothing banks
- NO** Paint tins
- NO** Broken toys or house wares
- NO** Polystyrene
- NO** Batteries - Recycle at the household recycling centres
- NO** Shredded paper - place in to your garden bin for composting
- NO** Nappies

**Top Tip** Rinse out any of your recycling which contained food, this will help to keep your bin clean and stop other materials becoming contaminated with food waste.

# RUBBISH

Domestic waste is waste from householders which cannot be recycled, composted, reused or disposed of by other means.



## reduce

- Save money and waste less food with great tips and recipe ideas from [www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)
- Avoid buying disposables - buy longer lasting items e.g. low energy light bulbs, real nappies & rechargeable batteries
- Junk mail - Remove your name from mailing lists contact the Mail Preference Service on 0845 703 4599 or visit [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)

## reuse

- Buy refill packs and reuse the original container
- Unwanted furniture, clothes and books can be donated to charity shops
- Learn to love your clothes by making the most of your wardrobe, caring for your clothes and getting creative. Hints & Tips at [loveyourclothes.org.uk](http://loveyourclothes.org.uk)
- Use reusable carrier bags

**NO** Garden waste

**NO** Hot ashes (wrap cold ash before placing into your bin)

**NO** Oil, paint or liquids