



Household recycling and waste collection guide



Knowsley Council

 recycle for Knowsley

Have you recycled today?

At least 60% of an average household's waste is recyclable. But at the moment, much of this waste is being placed into maroon bins and ending up in landfill.

The changes to your waste collection service will help us meet our target to recycle 50% of our waste and reduce Knowsley's costly Landfill Tax payments to the Government. It will also reduce our waste collection costs by around £500,000 - savings which will help to safeguard other vital Council services.

By recycling your waste you will find that a standard maroon bin, emptied at the new frequency, is adequate for your needs.

We hope the information in this booklet will help you make the most of your recycling service.



Blue bin



garden waste

grass cuttings

✓ Yes please



Grass cuttings



Flowers and leaves



Twigs and branches
(up to 2"/5cm thick)



Hedge and tree clippings



Shredded paper



Plants and weeds



* Untreated bark and wood chippings



Pet bedding - wood chippings, sawdust, straw and hay (clean and soiled)

✗ No thanks



Cardboard



Soil/turf



Food waste

Paper, metal, glass, clothes and textiles, general refuse, rubble and stones

* free from stain, preservative and paint

Blue bin



Grey bin

REMEMBER - PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ITEMS IN PLASTIC BAGS



newspapers & magazines



mixed glass



plastics



food & drink cans



cardboard

✓ Yes please



Food & cereal boxes



Cardboard



Phone books



Food tins and drink cans
(Place lids inside cans)



Glass bottles



Plastic bottles



Envelopes



Paper, newspapers and magazines

TIP: Only bottle shaped plastics can go in the grey bin

✗ No thanks



Plastic tubs / plastic bags



Aerosols



Juice cartons (Tetra Pak)



Shredded paper

TIP: No clinical waste including syringes



Maroon bin



household waste

✓ Yes please



Food waste



Polystyrene



Plastic tubs



Juice cartons (Tetra Pak)



Plant pots



Foil trays/tin foil



Plastic wrappers



Contaminated packaging

All other non-recyclable waste

✗ No thanks



Rubble and stones
Building material

Any material that
can go in the blue
or grey bins



No side waste or bags on top of bins.

Bin lid must be closed.

(If you do have bags next to the bin please
check if you are recycling enough)

Reducing your waste

As well as recycling, it is also equally important that we all try to reduce the amount of waste we produce in the first place. Here are a few tips:

- Visit www.Love Food Hate Waste.com to help you waste less food and save money.
- Reduce the amount of junk mail you receive by registering with the Mail Preference Service. To register, contact the MPS www.mpsonline.org.uk
- Try composting at home. Visit www.recyclenow.com for composting advice and the latest offers on compost bins.
- Using real nappies instead of using disposables can save you money and protect the environment.
- Try recycling your old clothes by either taking them to a clothes bring bank or donating to a local charity shop.

Waste collection hints and tips

- Please put your bins out by 7am and return them to your property by 12 midnight on your collection day.
- Ensure the bin lid is fully closed and that it's not too heavy to move.
- Do not place non-recyclable material in your grey bin or blue bin as the collection team will not be able to empty it.
- Once emptied, please return your bin promptly to your property and store it in a safe and secure way.
- Place nappies and food waste into bags to reduce smells.
- Save space in your maroon bin by tying bin sacks loosely and squeezing out excess air.
- Put your house number on your bin to reduce the risk of theft.
- Where appropriate, clinical waste collections can be arranged by contacting your doctor's surgery or local health centre.

Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)

There are two Household Waste Recycling Centres in Knowsley at:

- Huyton Household Waste Recycling Centre, Wilson Road, Huyton, L36 6AD
- Kirkby Household Waste Recycling Centre, Depot Road, Kirkby, L33 7UZ

HWRC Opening hours

1 October to 31 March:
Daily from 8am to 5pm

1 April to 30 September:
Daily 8am to 8pm

Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Permits

You will need a permit if you are carrying waste in a van, flatbed or trailer (between 2-3 metres long). Permits are free and you can apply for one on the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority website www.merseysidewda.gov.uk or call 0151 236 0305.

Recycling bring banks in Knowsley

For a full list of Community Recycling Points - or bring banks - and details about the materials which can be recycled at each site, visit www.knowsley.gov.uk

What happens to our recycling?

All of Knowsley's waste is treated by the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority (MRWA) who run recycling plants at Bidston and Gillmoss. Each type of waste collected has an identified end market and it is estimated that approximately 85% of the total recovered materials are recycled in the UK.

More information about the processing of recycled glass, paper, card, cans and plastic bottles can be found on the MRWA website: www.merseysidewda.gov.uk

Your questions answered

Why is the council making changes to our waste collections?

- A We need to achieve our recycling target of 50% by reducing the quantity of household waste that Knowsley currently sends to landfill each year. The council is facing significant Government funding cuts and needs to reduce its spending. These changes will reduce our waste collection costs by around £500,000 per year - savings which will help to safeguard other vital Council services. Increasing the amount we recycle will also reduce Knowsley's costly Landfill Tax payments to the Government, which from 2014 will be £80 per tonne.

Will I have enough space in my maroon bin?

- A Yes. By following the advice in this leaflet we will help you recycle as much as possible and reduce the amount of waste you produce. By doing this you will find that a standard maroon bin, emptied at the new frequency, is adequate for your needs.

What happens if I have excess waste?

- A Extra waste can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centres at Huyton or Kirkby or the recycling 'bring sites' across the borough. Details of these can be found in this leaflet or on the council website.

Please remember: We will not remove bags of non recyclable waste left at the side or on top of bins, or empty grey or blue bins containing non recyclable waste.

Quick reference guide



Yes please

Food and cereal boxes
Cardboard
Phone books
Food tins and drinks cans
Glass bottles and jars
Plastic bottles
Envelopes
White paper/junk mail
Newspaper/magazines



Yes please

Grass cuttings
Leaves
Hedge and tree clippings
Twigs and branches
Flowers
Plants and weeds
Shredded paper
Untreated bark and wood chippings
Pet bedding (clean or soiled)



Yes please

Food waste
Polystyrene
Plastic tubs
Juice cartons (Tetra Pak)
Plant pots
Foil trays/tin foil
Plastic wrappers
Contaminated packaging



No thanks

Plastic tubs, plastic bags
Juice cartons (Tetra Pak)
Shredded paper
Aerosols



No thanks

Rubble and stones
Soil/turf
Food waste



No thanks

Rubble and stones
Building material
Anything that can be recycled!

For further information contact the Environmental Helpline on 0151 443 2400 or visit www.knowsley.gov.uk
Please contact Customer Services on 0151 443 4031 if you require this leaflet in Braille or other languages or formats.