



RECYCLE MORE, WASTE LESS

Your guide to
Waste & Recycling Collections
in Bournemouth



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Big Bin, Little Bin Collections



This guide explains how to use your recycling, rubbish and food waste collections in Bournemouth.

From 24 April 2017, the Council will introduce an alternate weekly bin collection service.

We will collect your 240 litre Big Bin for recycling and your 140 litre Little Bin for rubbish on alternate weeks: **Big Bin (recycling) one week and Little Bin (rubbish) the next.**

Food waste is collected weekly on the same day as your other bins. As part of the new service, we are offering a larger 23 litre food waste container. You can still continue to use your 12 litre container, if you prefer. Please be aware the food waste container is a standalone bin and should be placed next to either your rubbish or recycling bin for collection.

If you live in a flat with the Big Bin, Little Bin arrangement, your collections are the same as households.

Please visit bournemouth.gov.uk/recycling to find when your collection days are.

Big Bin for Recycling Collected fortnightly

Fact: Over 60% of Bournemouth's waste can be recycled in the Big Bin. Once collected, your recycling is sorted and recycled into brand new products such as food packaging, newsprint or drainage pipes.

IN YOUR BIG BIN YOU CAN RECYCLE:

Please rinse and squash your recycling. This saves space in your bin, reduces smells and pests. Don't worry about scrubbing, just try to remove as much as you can.

Please leave your recycling loose and not bagged. Do not put plastic bags in the Big Bin.



If your recycling bin has a yellow '**oops sticker**' on it after collection, we were unable to empty it because something couldn't be recycled.

Common oops items



NO THANKS IN BIG BIN	INSTEAD
Plastic film or bags	Recycle at your local supermarket
Other plastics – toys, plant pots, crisp packets, sweet wrappers, polystyrene	Reuse, where possible or place in your rubbish bin
Textiles, clothes and bedding	Recycle at the Neighbourhood Recycling Centres
Small electrical items and batteries	Recycle in a plastic bag and leave next to your recycling bin on collection day
Wet or contaminated paper and cardboard including napkins, tissues or pizza boxes	Place in your rubbish bin
Food waste	Recycle in your food waste bin
Garden waste	Recycle in your garden waste bin

Top tip: Extra recycling can be collected from a cardboard box next to your bin on your collection day. If you regularly overfill your bin, you can order extra recycling bins.

Fact: Over a third of the waste we throw away is food. It costs £40 more per tonne to dispose of food waste in the rubbish bin, than in the food waste container.

Use your kitchen caddy indoors to save trips outside to your food waste container. You can line your kitchen caddy using compostable liners, newspaper or nothing at all. Compostable liners can be collected for free from all Bournemouth libraries and some Community Centres. You can also purchase them from most supermarkets.

YOU CAN RECYCLE IN YOUR FOOD CONTAINER:



NO THANKS

- Plastic bags
- Recycling - paper, bottles, cans
- Food packaging
- Pet waste
- Garden waste
- Liquids including oils and fats
- Nappies

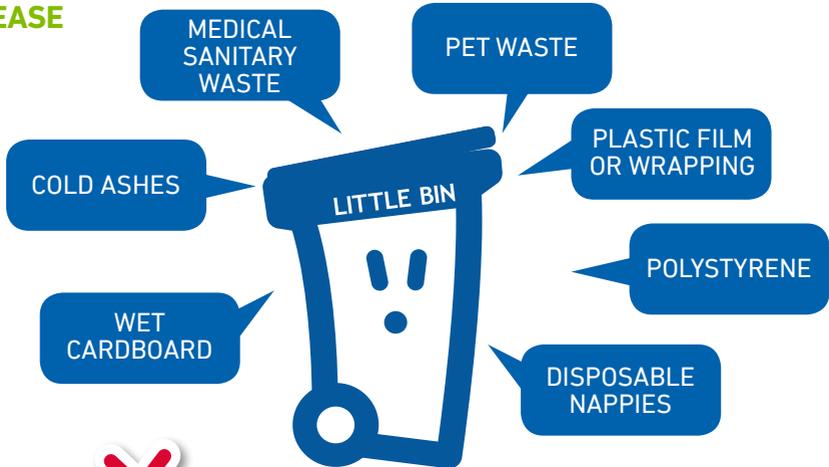
Top tip: You can request an extra food waste container, if you need more space or visit lovefoodhatewaste.com for advice on reducing your food waste.

Little Bin for Rubbish **Collected fortnightly**

Fact: It costs £75 more per tonne to dispose of recycling in the rubbish bin than in the recycling bin.

Your Little Bin is only for household waste that you can't recycle.

YES PLEASE



NO THANKS

Heavy building waste e.g. hardcore, plasterboard, rubble
Hazardous waste e.g. paint, industrial, oil, chemicals & gas bottles
Heavy garden waste
Clinical waste e.g. syringes
Hot ashes
Commercial waste
Wood

These items need to be taken to Millhams Community Recycling Centre or Christchurch Household Recycling Centre, except for clinical waste.

Extra waste?

We will **not** take excess rubbish placed on top of, next to or overflowing from Little Bin.

Excess rubbish can be taken to Millhams Community Recycling Centre or Wilverley Road Recycling Centre, Christchurch for disposal. Larger households, those with children in nappies or a medical condition which generates extra waste may apply for an extra rubbish bin if they meet specific criteria. Visit [bournemouth/binchanges](https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/binchanges) for more information.

Bins need to be purchased by residents or the landlord, unless the resident receives certain income-based benefits.

Waste Less

Fact: Did you know that on average, each person in the UK throws away around seven times their bodyweight in rubbish each year?

Try these tips to help you reduce your waste:



- **Shop smartly** - write a shopping list, buy loose items where you can to cut down on pre-packaged goods, avoid disposable items – buy reusable items and refill them and remember your reusable shopping bags.
- **Reduce your junk mail** - have your name removed from mailing lists or returning unwanted mail to the sender.
- **Give or Take days** - take along your unwanted but useable items– it's like a jumble sale but everything's free [bournemouth.gov.uk/giveortake](https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/giveortake)
- **Bournemouth Repair Café** – bring along broken items for repair and learn how to do it yourself for next time [bournemouth.gov.uk/recyclingevents](https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/recyclingevents)



- **Home compost** - recycle organic matter such as garden waste or uncooked kitchen vegetable scraps. Discounted composters are available from just £6 at [bournemouth.gov.uk/getcomposting.com](https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/getcomposting.com)
- **Waste less food** - write a shopping list, check used by dates, measure portions or visit [lovefoodhastewaste.com](https://www.lovefoodhastewaste.com) for recipe ideas for leftovers.



- **Try real nappies** - we offer a £30 incentive on washable nappies and nappy products. Visit [bournemouth.gov.uk/realnappies](https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/realnappies)
- **Choose to reuse** - make the most of charity shops, try [freecycle.org](https://www.freecycle.org) which is an easy and non-profit way of giving things for free in your local area or sell items on Gumtree or eBay.

For more waste prevention tips and an A-Z of recycling, visit [bournemouth.gov.uk/recycling](https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/recycling)



Important Waste Information



Putting your bins out for collection

Place your bins out at the kerbside the night before or by 5am in the morning on your collection day. Once your bins have been emptied, please return them to your property.

Numbering your bins will help our crews return them to the correct property. If you need number stickers, please contact us.

Assisted collections

If you are unable to put your bin out and have nobody to help you, we may be able to arrange an assisted collection. Please contact us for more details.



Garden waste collections

You can sign-up for garden waste collections from February to December for £40 for one 140l bin, £60 for two or £80 for three (2017 prices).

Discounted compost bins are available starting from £6 (plus delivery) at bournemouth.gov.uk/composting



Collections of small electricals and batteries

Household batteries and small electricals items, such as a small kettle or toaster (measuring no bigger than 30cm x 20cm x 20cm) can be recycled alongside your Big Bin. Please don't put these items in your Big Bin, instead use a plastic bag and leave them next to your recycling bin.

Recycling banks

There are 8 recycling bank sites in Bournemouth where you can recycle textiles, shoes and small electricals. To find your closest site, visit

bournemouth.gov.uk/recyclingcentres



Millhams Community Recycling Centre

Millhams Community Recycling Centre is located at Longham (BH11 9LQ). You can take waste you can't dispose of or that won't fit in your household bins. When visiting Millhams, you need to provide proof that you live in Bournemouth such as a household bill.

Residents with a van need to apply for a permit for Millhams, please visit bournemouth.gov.uk/millhams

Bournemouth residents can also use the Wilverley Road Recycling Centre in Christchurch. For information, please visit dorsetforyou.com/recycling-centres/household/christchurch

Useful Contacts

bournemouth.gov.uk/recycling

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