

Your rubbish and recycling guide

2017



www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling

Dear resident

Recently we wrote to you to explain that from April 2017 households in your area will be able to recycle plastic pots, tubs and trays.

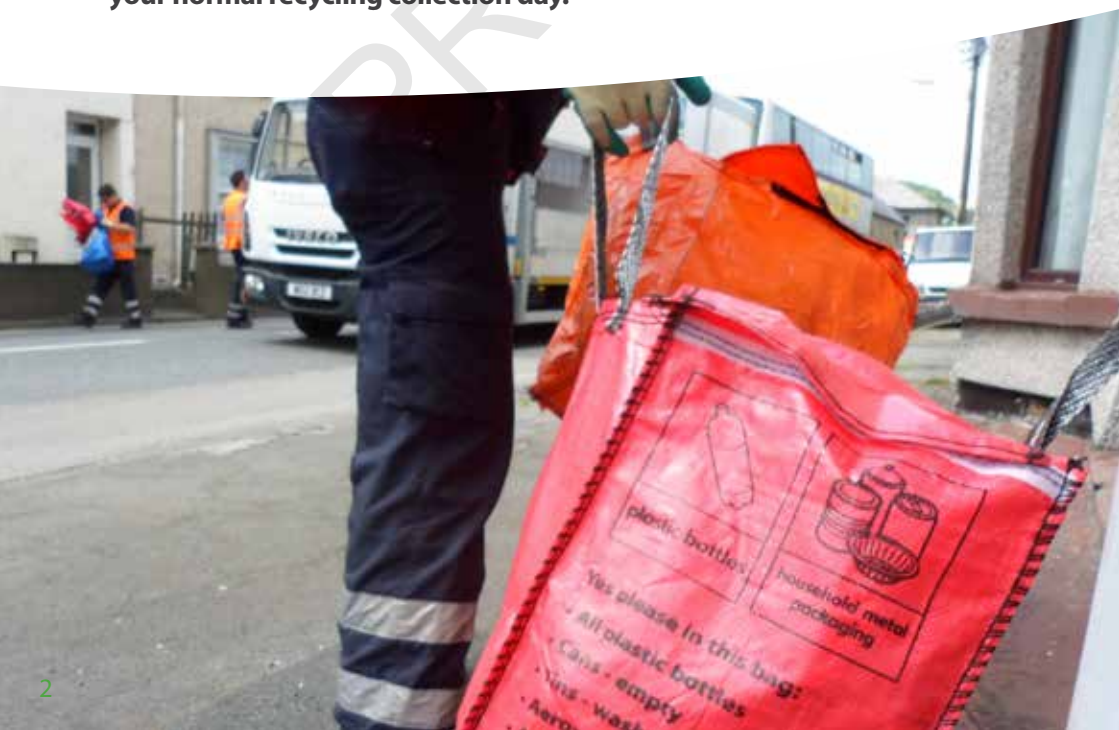
You can do this in the same recycling bag as the one you already use for plastic bottles, tin and cans.

Collection will start from week commencing 24 April 2017.

Everyone in your area who receives this leaflet directly through their door can start recycling these items.

What do I need to do?

- Check the list for all the items that can be recycled.
- Remember to rinse and squash plastic pots, tubs and trays before recycling.
- Put your plastic pots, tubs and trays in the bag you currently use for plastic bottles, cans and tins.
- Start recycling plastic pots, tubs and trays from 24 April on your normal recycling collection day.



Garden waste service

Garden waste must not be put into the normal rubbish. You can compost your garden waste yourself at home, take it to one of the Household Waste and Recycling Centres or use the garden waste collection service.

Find out more at

www.cornwall.gov.uk/gardenwaste



Household waste recycling centres

There are 13 centres in Cornwall for household waste that cannot be collected either by the domestic waste or recycling collections.

Further details at

www.cornwall.gov.uk/hwrc



Bulky household waste service

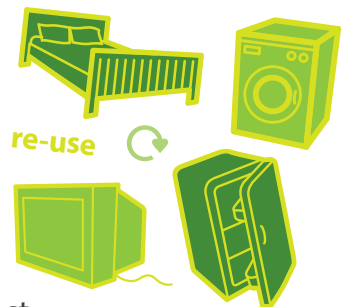
This is for items that are too large to be collected in the general rubbish collection, or for people who cannot transport them to the household waste recycling centres themselves.

You can arrange a bulky waste collection online.

For more information go to

www.cornwall.gov.uk/bulkywaste

There is a full list of what we can and cannot collect.



Recycling services

We collect your recycling once a fortnight on the same day as your rubbish. **Collections start at 7.00am.** To ensure your recycling is collected, it needs to be at your collection point by 7.00am. Please take a moment to check that you are recycling everything that you can.

Recycling containers

Every property should have a recycling box and three reusable bags for the different materials. If you do not have all of the containers, they are available to collect at some of our Information points or go online at **www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling** or call **0300 1234 141** to arrange for a delivery.

While we are expanding the service to include plastic pots, tubs and trays, please allow four weeks for delivery.

Check the images on the box/bags for help separating your recycling correctly

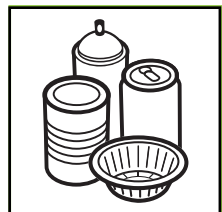
Bag for plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays, and cans

Plastic bottles, pots tubs and trays

Drinks cans, food tins (please rinse out), **aerosols, clean aluminium foil and jar lids.**



household plastic packaging



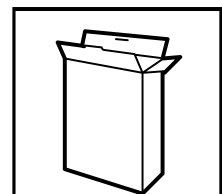
household metal packaging

Bag for cardboard

Brown, white and grey cardboard, brown paper, coloured paper, wrapping paper (non shiny) **and greetings cards.**

Please remove any staples, sticky tape or plastic.

Any cardboard that you cannot get into the bag, please flat pack and tie in a bundle with string.



cardboard

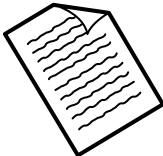


Bag for paper

Newspapers, magazines, telephone directories including Yellow Pages, catalogues and brochures, junk mail, white office paper, white envelopes paperback books

and pages from hard back books. Hard back covers can go into your bag for cardboard.

Shredded paper.

Must be placed into a tied plastic bag and put into the bag for paper.

		
paper	newspapers & magazines	telephone directories

Box for glass and textiles

Glass bottles and jars

To avoid injuring yourself or the collection crews, please always use the box to recycle glass bottles and jars.

Any broken glass, Pyrex and Ceramics should be wrapped carefully, clearly labelled and **placed next to the box.**

Window glass - Take to the HWRC.

	
mixed glass	mixed textiles & clothes

Textiles

Clean dry clothing, shoes, towels, sheets (no duvets or pillows) can be placed into a plastic bag to keep dry and put on top of your box.

If you are expecting a much larger amount of recycling than usual due to a party or a large delivery, please contact us and we will make sure it's collected on your normal collection day.

Rubbish

All rubbish that is put out for collection must be contained in disposable plastic Bags. **Collections start from 7.00am.** To ensure your rubbish is collected it needs to be placed at your collection point by 7.00am.

Protecting your rubbish

It is every householders responsibility to protect their own rubbish until it is collected. To avoid attacks by animals you can place your bagged rubbish out for collection in a traditional dustbin which can be bought from most hardware stores. If you cannot use a dustbin, seagull proof sacks can be purchased for £3.50 each and are available from some of our Information Centres.

The rubbish collection service is only provided for household non-recyclable, and non-hazardous rubbish that can fit into a standard plastic rubbish sack.

Please see below how other items should be treated.

Asbestos, rubble and chemicals (including paint): Household Waste and Recycling Centre (HWRC - page 3) - however, you may be charged for the disposal.

Batteries: Use local collection points or the HWRC (see www.recyclenow.com)

Bulky waste (large items, e.g. tables, chairs, prams): HWRC or you can arrange a bulky waste collection (page 3).

Clinical waste including needles: Contact us to arrange a free of charge clinical waste collection refuseandrecycling@cornwall.gov.uk or call **0300 1234 141**.

Electrical equipment (e.g. TVs, microwaves, DVD players): HWRC or you can arrange a bulky waste collection (page 3).

Garden waste: This can be either composted at home (page 7), taken to the HWRC or you can arrange a fortnightly garden waste collection (page 3).

Sharps: Rubbish bags are collected by hand, so please **do not include anything that could harm the collection crews**. If you have something sharp like broken glass, put it into a rigid container, or wrap it securely and place it out beside your bags with a clear label explaining what it is. If the collection crews believe that an item is dangerous, they will not collect it.

Want to reduce your rubbish even more?

Recycling is very important and we need everyone to recycle as much as possible, but if we can reduce rubbish at source it is even better.

Love Food, Hate Waste

We estimate that around 35% of black bag rubbish is food waste. Throwing good food away costs the average person in the UK around £200 a year, and the average family £700.

The Love Food, Hate Waste campaign has lots of information on how to save money and reduce food waste. A good starting point is writing a shopping list and sticking to what is on it.

Go to **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com** for lots of ideas and help.



Home composting

There is food waste that we can't reduce or eat. However, things like eggshells, pineapple skin, tea bags, apple cores and vegetable peelings can all be composted. Most garden waste and some other household rubbish can go into a home compost bin.



If you already have a compost bin it is worth reminding yourself of all the things that can go in it. If you need to purchase a bin, go to **www.getcomposting.com** or call **0844 571 4444** and quote **COR/009/L**.

Other ways to reduce waste

- Join a local reuse forum such as Freecycle or Freecycle.
- Use charity shops, car boot sales and online auction sites etc to pass on clothes and bric-a-brac.
- Consider using washable nappies.
- Sign up to **www.mpsonline.org.uk** to reduce junk mail.
- Check the Council's website for the garden waste minimisation guide and other advice on rubbish reduction.



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