YOUR GUIDE TO RUBBISH & RECYCLING IN WOKINGHAM BOROUGH 2023/24

This year we are giving out 1 roll of 54 blue bags per household, to encourage residents to recycle more and reduce waste. Recycling is easy and most of your household waste can be recycled.

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IF YOU'VE GOT A QUESTION, VISIT US AT

WWW.WOKINGHAM.GOV.UK

You need another green recycling bag...

Stop by one of the collection hubs to pick up one. **They're free!**

Visit our website for more information and search: **'order recycling bags'**

You want to visit one of the household waste recycling centres in Reading or Bracknell...

Book a slot before your visit on our website.

Visit our website for more information and search: **'recycling centres'**

Your collection was missed...

Report it on our website **after 4pm** on your normal collection day or by the end of next working day.

Visit our website for more information and search: **'report missed collection'**

You need a food waste kitchen caddy or outdoor food waste container...

Stop by one of the collection hubs to pick up one. **They're free!**

Visit our website for more information and search: **'food waste'**

You want to report fly-tipping...

Report it on our website. All information will be treated in confidence.

Visit our website for more information and search: **'fly-tipping'**

You want to sign up for our chargeable fortnightly garden waste collection service...

Find out more and sign up on our website.

Visit our website for more information and search: **'garden waste'**

You want to buy garden waste sacks...

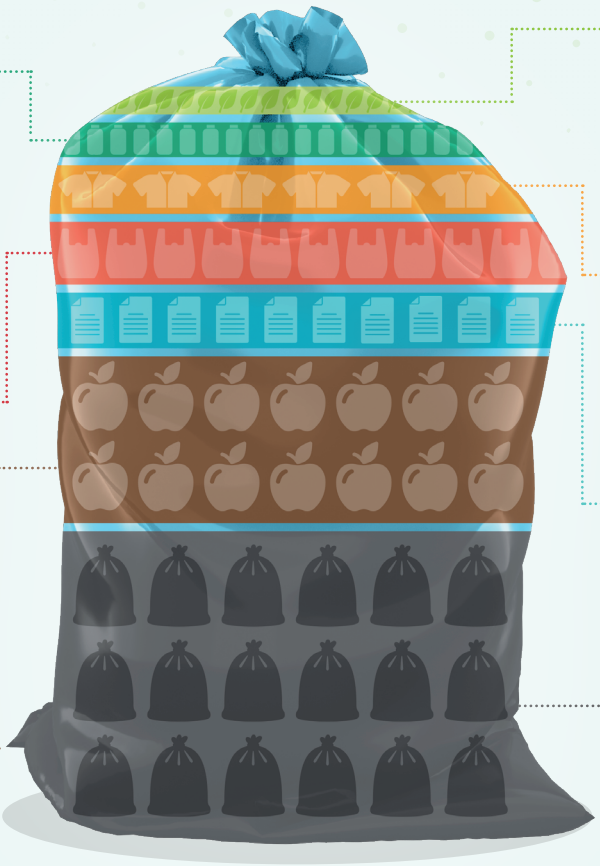
Visit our website for more information and search: **'garden sacks'**

Then stop by one of the collection hubs to pick them up.

Sign up to our fortnightly email newsletter on rubbish and recycling at **www.wokingham.gov.uk/email-newsletters** to stay informed of changes on waste collections and to learn more about recycling. Visiting our website is the quickest way to find information, but you can also email **customerservices@wokingham.gov.uk** or call us on **(0118) 974 6000.**

OVER HALF OF WHAT GOES IN THE BLUE BAGS COULD BE RECYCLED, SAVING ABOUT £1 MILLION A YEAR*

THIS IS WHAT'S IN THE AVERAGE BLUE BAG:



5%

Glass bottles and jars: find your nearest bottle bank

8%

Soft plastic (such as bags, film and wrapping): take to large supermarkets

24%

Food waste: use your food waste caddy

4%

Garden waste: subscribe to our garden waste collections

7%

Reusable textiles: take to charity shops, or clothing banks, or give away

9%

Paper, cardboard and magazines: put in your green recycling bag

43%

General rubbish: (non-recyclable such as nappies)

A recent look at blue bags collected from households across the borough found that 57 per cent of the contents could have been recycled, with food waste being the biggest culprit. **How do your bags compare?** Could you be recycling more?

*based on 2020/21 figures

WHAT GOES WHERE?

Food Waste

Indoor food waste caddy

Outdoor food container

- ✓ Vegetable peelings, banana skins, apple cores
- ✓ All cooked/uncooked/out of date food (not in its packaging)
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
- ✓ Cooking oil in sealed plastic bottles
- ✓ Pet food
- ✗ Cling film, plastic wrapping and tin foil
- ✗ Pet waste, litter or bedding
- ✗ Pots and trays
- ✗ Garden waste

Recycling

Green recycling bag

- ✓ Cardboard and paper (without glitter)
- ✓ Plastic bottles with lids, pots, trays and tubs
- ✓ Cartons/Tetra Paks
- ✓ Tins, cans and aerosol cans
- ✓ Shredded paper (must be contained in an envelope)
- ✗ Soft plastics
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Textiles
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Black plastic trays

General Waste

Blue rubbish bag

- ✓ Non-recyclable rubbish
- ✓ Food-stained cardboard (such as dirty pizza boxes)
- ✓ Plastic bags and film
- ✓ Nappies
- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✗ Recycling
- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Electrical items
- ✗ Garden waste
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Gas canisters

Garden Waste

Brown garden waste bin or sack

- ✓ Garden clippings
- ✓ Leaves
- ✓ Grass cuttings
- ✓ Weeds
- ✗ Household waste
- ✗ Animal waste
- ✗ Large branches
- ✗ Stones
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Pet or animal bedding
- ✗ Food and kitchen waste

Glass

Bottle bank*

- ✓ Glass bottles of any colour
- ✓ Glass jars of any colour
- ✗ Light bulbs and tubes
- ✗ Drinking glasses
- ✗ Vases
- ✗ Mirrors
- ✗ Nail varnish bottles
- ✗ Ceramics and glass cookware (Pyrex, microwave plates, crockery, earthenware)

Batteries

Recycling points for small batteries across the borough*, including at local supermarkets or re3 household waste recycling centres

- ✓ All kinds of used batteries, including mobile phone and car batteries

Soft Plastics

Supermarkets with a return facility*

- ✓ Soft plastic fruit or vegetable bags, crisp and biscuit packaging

*Use the Recycling Locator tool to find your nearest recycling point, visit: **www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator** or download the **re3cyclopedia** mobile app