

Changes to your waste collection service

Next month the Isle of Wight Council will begin a new way of collecting and recycling your household waste. Here is a special picture guide to the new arrangements.

From 30 January 2012:

- all your household waste that is recyclable should be put into wheelie bins or clear recycling sacks – recyclable waste will be collected every fortnight;
- all your food waste should go into a food caddy – food waste will continue to be collected every week;
- waste which cannot be recycled will be collected every other week.

In early January, every home will receive a letter and calendar which will inform you of your collection days for 2012. It will also tell you:

- if you will receive a new wheelie bin, food caddy or recycling sacks;
- what types of waste can be put into which container.

Each property has been assessed individually to see which are suitable for wheelie bins, taking into account the specific concerns raised when we

consulted about these changes last summer.

Your new recycling bins

The bins will be delivered to households from mid-January, although homeowners are reminded not to begin using them too soon, as the new collections won't begin until 30 January. It will take about three weeks to deliver the bins to the whole Island.

The picture guide here shows you what happens to your recyclable waste from when you put it into the bin to where it ends up – at one of the UK's most sophisticated waste recycling plants in Edmonton.

Some recyclable waste, such as batteries, soil, textiles etc cannot be recycled at the plant in Edmonton. You should take these to one of the Island's three household recycling facilities at Afton, Forest Road or Lynnbottom – or one of the mini recycling points for glass, cans and textiles.

Things that **can** be recycled in your wheelie bin (or clear sack)

- Paper: newspapers, magazines, catalogues, phone directories, junk mail, envelopes, writing and computer paper, wrapping paper, greetings cards.
- Cardboard: packaging, cereal boxes, toilet and kitchen roll tubes, tea bag boxes etc.
- Metals: food tins, drinks cans, aluminium foil.
- Plastic bottles: fizzy drinks, squash, cleaning products, milk bottles, shampoos etc.
- Plastic tubs: yoghurt pots, margarine, food containers etc.
- Plastic bags.
- Glass: bottles and jars.



It helps if all bottles and tins are empty and rinsed out. You do not have to remove labels.

Things that **cannot** be recycled in your wheelie bin

- These should go in your dustbin (black sack):**
- Vacuum cleaner bags.
 - Nappies/sanitary items/textiles.
 - Glass cookware/mirrors.
 - Paper/foil contaminated with food.
 - Cling film/bubble wrap.
 - Broken crockery.
 - Cold ash.
 - Pill packets.
 - Polystyrene.
 - Sweet wrappers/crisp packets/Pringles tubes.
 - Shredded paper.



Things that **can** go into the food caddy

- All cooked and uncooked food.
- Fish and meat bones.
- Tea bags/coffee grounds.
- Egg shells.
- Fruit and vegetable peelings.



Every fortnight, your wheelie bin, along with your weekly-collected food caddy is left on the kerbside (facing inwards) for emptying.



Those properties assessed as unsuitable for a wheelie bin should use the clear plastic sacks for recyclable waste.



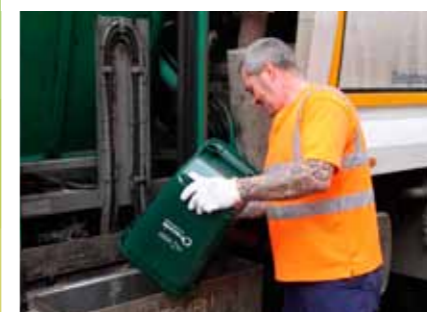
Every other week, leave your black plastic sacks containing non-recyclable waste for collection alongside your food caddy.



The Isle of Wight's fleet of refuse lorries have been adapted to lift wheelie bins and empty them without the need for staff to empty them manually.



Each refuse lorry also contains a separate section for storing food waste.



The black bags are placed in the refuse lorries when they are collected every other week.



All recyclable waste is then taken to Lynnbottom collection centre on the outskirts of Newport.



Food waste and the non-recyclable waste in black sacks is taken for either conversion to fuel at the gasification plant at Forest Road, Newport, or for landfill disposal at Lynnbottom.



It is then loaded onto large articulated lorries to be taken to the mainland, to a state of the art recycling centre in Edmonton, London.



At the plant in Edmonton, the waste is loaded onto conveyor belts where it is sorted into different types of waste, such as newspaper, plastics, glass etc.



The waste is then sent for recycling, where it is turned into objects such as materials for building roads and Wellington boots. Some recycled plastics are even used to make new wheelie bins.

