Your guide to household waste and recycling collections
What’s my collection night?

Most households have a single collection night each week. However there are some exceptions:

- Households in St Sampson have their blue or clear bag recycling picked up Sunday night, and their other waste picked up on another night.

- If you live in an apartment and have a communal area for waste and recycling, the arrangements may be slightly different. Speak to your management agent or landlord for more details.

Go to gov.gg/mybinnight for details of what to put out when. Or call us on 231234 for our handy 2018/19 collection calendar.
PLASTIC, TINS AND CARTONS:
- Plastic bottles, pots and trays
- Plastic and metal bottle tops
- Tins and cans
- Aerosols
- Aluminium foil (clean)
- Juice and food cartons
- Milk cartons

PAPER AND CARDBOARD:
- Cardboard and thin card
- Paper, envelopes and junk mail
- Newspapers and magazines
- Shredded paper

NO THANKS!
- Milk cartons
- Juice and food cartons
- Tissues and paper towels

To order new blue and clear bags, go to.gov.gg/recyclingbagsor call 231234.

If everyone in Guernsey recycled just one drinks can a day, the energy saved would power a TV in every home in the island for 4½ hours a day.
NEW Household Waste Recycling Centre – opening in 2019

A new purpose-built facility is being constructed at Longue Hougue, where you will be able to drop off various household items to either be recycled or given a new lease of life. That includes old electrical appliances, bicycles, scrap metal, polythene, batteries, oil, paint, bricks and blocks, furniture and rigid plastic. You will also be able to drop off general rubbish there. For a full list of items that will be accepted at the new Household Waste Recycling Centre, and at the current temporary site, go to gov.gg/recycling or call 231234.
Why recycle your food waste?

Every year, more than 4,000 tonnes of food waste is thrown away by local households. Most of it we can avoid, with a little planning and some extra care, and by doing so can save a lot of money.

Any food waste we do get can be turned into something useful. It will be sent to a special processing plant in the south of England, and used to generate electricity. What is left will be turned into fertiliser, to get maximum benefit from the material.

The electricity and fertiliser produced from our food waste will be used in the UK. While we may not get the direct benefit, it does generate an income for the processor and that reduces the cost to us.

6 recycled tea bags can produce enough electricity to boil a kettle for another cuppa.

Top tip
Most of us think we don’t waste much food, but it all adds up. Go to LoveFoodHateWaste.gg for some money-saving tips.

The average family spends around £400 a month on food shopping – you could save as much as £50 of this simply by cutting out some of the waste.
Remember there is **no amount too small**. The **best thing** we can do with our food is enjoy it but some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable.

**Food for thought**

- **food waste**
- **dairy**
- **bread & pastries**
- **rice pasta & beans**
- **meat & bones**
- **tea & coffee grounds**
- **fruit & vegetables**
- **fish**

Remember to recycle:
- All uneaten food & plate scrapings
- Mouldy or out of date food Inc. ready meals removed from their packaging
- Raw & cooked meat, fish & vegetables
- Egg shells
Recycling your FOOD WASTE is easy as 1-2-3

Have you got the right equipment?
Before the start of the new service, you should receive a kitchen caddy, an outdoor food recycling bin*, and a roll of caddy liners. If you have not received yours by 26th August, get in touch at recycle@gov.gg or call 231234.

1. Line your kitchen caddy with one of the liners and put your food waste in it.

2. Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the top and put it in your outdoor food recycling bin.

3. Remember your food recycling bin comes with a lockable handle.

Only use the lockable container provided, please do not put your food waste out before your collection night.

*Top tip*
If you would rather use your own indoor container that’s fine – do whatever works for you.

*Top tip*
Remember to not let your caddy get too full before emptying it.

Your recycling is really making a difference – thanks!

*If you live in an apartment with a communal area for waste, you may not receive the outdoor food recycling bin. Check with your landlord or management agent.
Don’t forget you can RECYCLE all of these items

from your BATHROOM
Top tip
Remember to remove and put trigger spray and pump dispenser tops in your blue bag.

from your KITCHEN
Top tip
Squash cans and bottles and flatten boxes to save space in your recycling.

from your LOUNGE OR BEDROOM
Top tip
Recycle all the newspapers and envelopes from your living room.
Keep Guernsey looking great

Bins and bags everywhere does look unsightly. Please be considerate to others, and your surroundings:-

• Please do not put out any rubbish or recycling until the evening of your collection night.

• You should normally set out your rubbish and recycling immediately outside your property, or if you have an alternative arrangement only in your current designated collection point.

• Please retrieve your food waste bin and glass recycling bag the morning after your collection.

• If you miss your collection night or cannot wait until the next one, you can take rubbish and other items to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Longue Hougue.

• Do not use public litter bins for your household refuse. You could be liable to pay for its clearance, or even fined for fly-tipping.

• Take responsibility. Don’t be tempted to try and find somewhere to dispose of your rubbish hoping it won’t be identified. **If you are caught, you may be liable to prosecution and a heavy fine.**

• If in doubt, just ask. You can call your Parish Constables office (number at the front of the phone book) or 231234. That should avoid the risk of any penalties.

Love Guernsey
Reduce Reuse Recycle
WHAT CAN I DO TO REDUCE MY WASTE?

Reduce

✔ Be savvy when shopping - make a list so you only buy what you need.

✔ Choose unpackaged items where possible, and avoid non-recyclable packaging.

✔ If you’ve got children still in nappies, consider using real nappies rather than disposable ones.

Reuse

✔ If you have something you don’t use any more, instead of throwing it away, think about advertising it, offer it to a charity or take it to the Longue Hougue Household Waste Recycling Centre.

✔ Take along reusable bottles and cups. Look out for premises displaying the ‘Refill’ logo, they will be glad to top you up again.

Recycle

✔ Recycle everything that you can, by using the kerbside collections, bring banks and the Longue Hougue Household Waste Recycling Centre.

For more information on waste and recycling services

gov.gg/recycling  231234
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