

# What happens to your waste after we empty the bins?



Both South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse districts are consistently in the top ten recycling areas in the country and we hope you can help keep us up there. Your mixed recycling is taken to a material recovery facility where it is separated and sent on for reprocessing. Textiles are collected separately and either resold at charity shops, or reused. Put them in a carrier bag next to the green bin NOT in it.

Batteries are collected separately in a clear plastic bag on top of your green recycling bin. They are then sent to specialist facilities where they are broken down for the semi-precious metals. These are recycled.



Non-recycling refuse (rubbish) goes to an energy recovery facility where it is used to generate electricity. This means 95 per cent of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse's general refuse no longer goes to landfill.

Small electrical items are collected separately. Put them in a carrier bag next to your black bin NOT in it.



Your leftover and out of date food is taken away to a food recycling facility where it is added to heated tanks. Much of it is turned into fertiliser which is used on farmland across Oxfordshire.

The rest makes enough electricity to power 4,800 homes.

To find out more about what happens to your waste see our website [www.morerecycling.co.uk](http://www.morerecycling.co.uk)

# We can take your garden waste away

For more information and to sign up to our paid-for service visit [www.morerecycling.co.uk](http://www.morerecycling.co.uk)

## We take the following in the garden waste bin

- Grass
- Leaves
- Weeds
- Flowers and plants
- Hedge clippings
- Branches (not more than 10cm thick)
- Prunings and twigs
- Windfall fruit



## Why not try home composting?

More information is on our garden waste page.

To find out more about the council's waste collection policy please visit our website [www.morerecycling.co.uk](http://www.morerecycling.co.uk)

## We can collect bulky items such as furniture and utilities.

To book a bulky waste collection please visit our website.

For more information on how to reuse your furniture take a look at the reduce and reuse page in this leaflet.

## Need this leaflet in another format or language?

Please call or email us, using the details below.

## Contact Details

Recycling, food waste and bins queries please call Biffa on **03000 610610** or email [waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk) Or contact the council by calling **01235 422422** [www.morerecycling.co.uk](http://www.morerecycling.co.uk)



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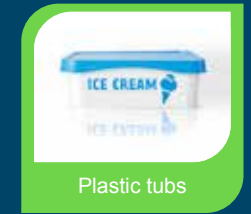
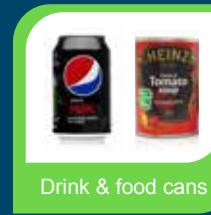
# Houses

# What goes in which bin?



Recycling bin  
What goes in it?

Collected every other week



Old clothes and textiles should go in a tied carrier bag next to the green bin. Batteries should go in a small clear bag on top of your green bin.



No food waste, no nappies!

Recycling needs to be clean, dry and loose. No black bags!





## Rubbish bin What goes in it?

Collected every other week



Clingfilm



Wrappers



Nappies



Toys



Kitchen towels  
& tissues



Polystyrene



Black bags



Pouches



Wooden products



Biodegradable  
products

Small electrical items such as hairdryers, toasters and cables should go in a tied carrier bag next to your black bin.



Soft plastics like wrappers and film can be taken to supermarkets to be recycled

**Please remember we will only take waste that fits inside the bin with the lid closed, no extra bags will be collected.**



## Food waste bin What goes in it?

Collected every week



Eggshells & bones



Coffee grounds



Teabags



Cooking oil, fats  
& lards



Meat



Mouldy food



Pumpkins



Leftovers

**If you choose to line your caddy please use compostable liners or newspaper.**

**Did you know that recycling six teabags makes enough electricity to make another cup of tea. (Source: WRAP)**

On average, up to 33% of the waste we collect from rubbish bins is food waste that could be recycled. If food waste is put in the small green food bin it is transformed into energy and fertiliser and also gives you more space in your rubbish bin.

### Try home composting!

Fruit and vegetable peelings are perfect for home composting which is great for your garden. Other food waste isn't suitable and should go in your food waste bin.

# Reduce and reuse

Remember to try and reduce and reuse wherever possible, it's even more important than recycling! For more information on how to reduce and reuse visit our website. What you can do to reduce your waste and increase your reuse:

- Take a shopping bag
- Buy your fruit and veg without packaging
- Buy pre-owned items and 'move on' items from your house to someone else's
- Use refillable water bottles when out and about
- Follow the website 'Love Food Hate Waste' for more ideas on how to reduce your food waste.
- Take unwanted food to a local community fridge.
- Take broken electrical items, clothes and furniture to a repair cafe instead of throwing them away.

**The following local charities specialise in furniture recycling:**

**Helen and Douglas House** 01491 412689

**Sue Ryder** 03330 031883

**Emmaus** 01865 763698

**Kathryn Turner Trust** 01235 527310

To find local community fridges, repair cafes and other community action groups visit [www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk)

