Home Recycling Advice

Waste Operations Department

Opening Hours: Monday - Friday, 9am to 5pm
T: 0300 124 5000 (Option 0)
E: recycling@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

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What goes into your blue bin?

- **Paper**: Newspapers and Magazines, Cardboard, Catalogues, Telephone directories, Junk mail (remove all plastic)

- **Food Tins & Drink Cans**: Aluminium and steel cans, Large empty tins e.g. biscuit tins, Kitchen foil, Aerosols (ensure they are empty)

- **Household Plastic Packaging**: Plastic food tubs, trays and containers, Plastic bottles

- **Mixed Glass Bottles & Jars**: Place items into the glass caddy insert, Bottles and jars

- **Cartons**: Juice containers, Liquid food cartons

- **Brown, green and clear glass**

**Items we can’t collect:**
- Nappies
- Plastic bags
- Pyrex items

**Please note:**
- Make sure all items for recycling are clean and don’t contain any food or drink residue
- Leave bins out for 7.30am on your collection day
- All bins must have closed lids and no additional side waste
- Collection times may vary in the holiday period and in exceptional circumstances
What goes into your brown bin?

You can put food, recyclable household and garden waste in your brown bin.

Each household will get three rolls of food waste bags throughout the year, if you need any more please contact the office using the details on the back.

Accepted

✓ Food waste
✓ Meat and fish, raw and cooked, including bones
✓ Fruit and vegetables – raw and cooked
✓ All dairy products – including cheese and yoghurt
✓ Breads, cakes and pastries
✓ Rice, pasta and beans
✓ Uneaten food from your plate
✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds
✓ Mouldy food
✓ Ready meals
✓ Household and garden waste
✓ Cold ash
✓ Kitchen roll
✓ Tissue paper
✓ Takeaway pizza boxes, please crush
✓ Grass cuttings
✓ Shredded paper
✓ Sawdust
✓ Tree and hedge prunings
✓ Garden plants and weeds
✓ Leaves, twigs and bark
✓ Flowers

Not accepted

✗ All packaging, with the exception of crushed takeaway pizza boxes
✗ Packaging from ready meals
✗ Plastic bags
✗ Soil, rubble and stones
✗ Pet waste
✗ Cardboard

Good to know
Only use compostable food waste bags or newspaper to line your food caddy, before disposing in your brown bin.
Please contact our department (0300 124 5000 Option 0) if you have any of the following queries:

- Bulky lift requests and assessments (household items for collection)
- Reports of litter and street cleansing
- Reports of damaged bins (black domestic bins)
- Missed collection reports for black, blue and brown bins
- Delivery of purchased bins (black)
- Delivery of free food caddies, blue and brown bins
- Calendars and bin collection dates
- Collect and return (assisted lift) requests
- Requests for larger or 2 bins (conditions apply)
- Household Recycling Centre opening and closing times
- Bring bank locations
- General recycling or waste disposal information
- Public convenience information

Finance related queries, e.g. purchase of black bin and extra compostable bags (£1.30 for a roll of 50 bags) please contact:

Larne
T: 0300 124 5000 (Option 2)
Extra compostable bags can be purchased at the following council facilities: Smiley Buildings, Victoria Road / Tourist Information Centre

Ballymena
T: 0300 124 5000 (Option 1)
Extra compostable bags can be purchased at the following council facilities: ‘Ardeevin’ Council Buildings, The Braid, People’s Park, Showgrounds, Seven Towers Leisure Centre

Carrickfergus
T: 0300 124 5000 (Option 3)
Extra compostable bags can be purchased at the following council facilities: Carrickfergus Town Hall, Cash Desk

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