

Weighing your waste

How to weigh your waste and recycling

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100 Households. 12 Months.
Zero Waste.

Prepare your recycling

- Clean your tins, plastic and glass, remove any lids and tape
- Flatten card, removing any tape

Tip

To help with weighing, keep your items separated by type (e.g. plastic, card, cans etc.) in your recycling boxes so you don't have to dig around for each material. If you can keep the items separated after weighing it also helps our crews, who separate the materials out at the kerbside.

Weigh your waste and recycling

Before putting your waste and recycling out for collection, follow the steps for each material:



STEP 1: Put the items in a plastic carrier or cloth bag and loop the handles onto the scale



STEP 2: Read the weight off the scale using the measurement side



Weigh your waste

#wasterecording ID

Wt in kg

Post code

Collection Date

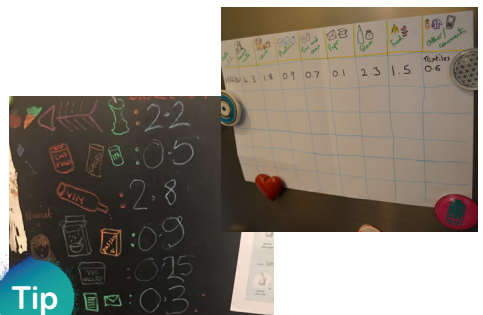
Collection Date

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Collection day

STEP 3: Record the weight – you can write it down using the weight recording sheet, or you can enter it straight into the online form at

bristolwastecompany.co.uk/record/



Tip

If you aren't able to enter your weights on the website each week, use the weight recording sheet, or make your own like the one above, to record weekly weights and upload them in one go when you can. Put the sheet near to your recycling, on the fridge, or where you weigh it as a reminder each week.



STEP 4: Repeat steps 1-3 for each material you are putting out for collection



STEP 5: Put your waste and recycling out for collection

Tip

You might empty your rubbish bin into your wheelie bin more often, so we recommend you weigh the bin bag every time you empty the bin and make a note of the weight. Add the weights up each week and record the total.

Zero or blank?

Put **zeros** if:

- You don't have a material in your bin/box that week

Leave **blank** if:

- You were away
- You didn't weigh your waste or recycling

What if I don't put anything out for collection?

If you skip a week of putting your bins and boxes out, and the next week is two weeks' worth of rubbish or recycling, then split the weight in two (or if you leave it more than one week, by the number of weeks you've left it for) and record that figure for each week.

A heavy or light week?

The scales we've provided weigh in 100g intervals and go up to 6kg.

- **If your bag is heavier than 6kg:** Separate the material in the bag into a couple of bags then weigh each one and add the weights together.
- **If your bag is less than 100g:** You can use home baking or weighing scales for a more accurate weight for small quantities of light items like a handful of paper or a couple of cans.

Don't have kerbside collections?

If you live in a flat and use communal bins then you should weigh your items each time you take them out to the bins and record them within that week.

Comments

We'd love you to use the comments section to give us more information about the weights you have submitted. If you've missed a week, put a zero or have more or less waste and recycling than usual let us know why – this type of information is really helpful!

Photos

You can upload photos when you submit your weights. It's a great way to show us how you are getting on and all the different things you are trying.

If you have any questions about weighing, or would like copy of the weight recording sheet get in touch at campaigns@bristolwastecompany.co.uk