

Just a little bit more for Bristol

Recycle more for Bristol. Wherever you are in the city, let's recycle more

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Over half of what's in the average black wheelie bin could have been recycled. Above a quarter is food.* By taking an extra moment to put items in the right recycling container, we can make a big difference together for Bristol.

Why is recycling important?

It's good for the planet, and when we recycle more, it reduces the cost to the council taxpayer. That means more money to spend on other vital services.

Where does my recycling go?

After collection it's taken to our Albert Road transfer station and our materials recycling facility in Avonmouth. Once sorted and baled it goes to specialist companies ('reprocessors') before being turned into something new – or in the case of food it makes green energy for homes and soil improver for farms.

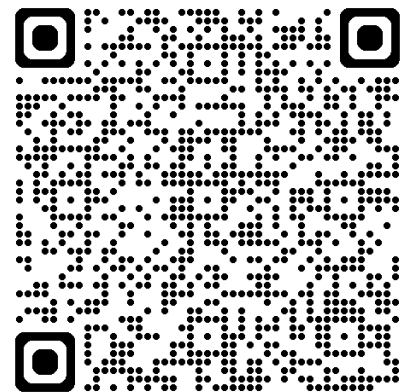
For items not in the kerbside service

Go to the council website to book bulky or garden waste collections, or visit your local recycling centre for free.

Did you know?

1 recycled banana skin generates enough energy to charge 2 mobile phones!

Scan the QR code for #RecycleMore information and top tips



*Bristol Waste Composition Analysis 2025

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Red bag

Plastic and metal

- Cans – rinsed and squashed
- Plastic bottles – rinsed and squashed
- Lids and tops – jar lids, bottle tops
- Aerosols – empty with lids off
- Plastic packaging – rinsed food trays (no black plastic)

Blue bag

Cardboard, paper and cartons

- Boxes – remove tape, flatten and fold
- Cartons – rinsed and squashed
- Paper – all paper and magazines
- Cardboard tubes
- Greetings cards (no glitter)

Remove tape, flatten and fold to fit in the bag. (No card that has food on it, like dirty pizza boxes, no wrapping paper and no takeaway drink cups)

Brown bin

All cooked and uncooked food

- Fruit and veg, including peels
- Cheese and dairy
- Plate scrapings
- Meat, fish, bones and eggshells
- Bread, pasta, rice and cereal
- Coffee grounds and tea bags

You can use newspaper, a compostable liner, or reuse an old carrier or bread/veg bag, to line your food caddy and bin. (Don't include any packaging, including compostable)

Black box

Glass (no broken glass)

- Glass bottles
- Glass jars

Rinsed (no lids – these go in the red bag)

Batteries/vapes and small electricals

- Put batteries/vapes and small electricals in separate untied bags on top of other recycling in your black box

Keeping your batteries/vapes separate from small electricals e.g. kettles, toasters, and gaming controllers, is important. It means our crews can collect them safely and reduces the risk of fires

Make sure your bins and containers are sorted correctly and out for collection by 6am

Want to find out more about your containers and how to recycle more?

Scan the QR code! [bristolwastecompany.co.uk/ recycle-more](https://bristolwastecompany.co.uk/recycle-more)

