

Simple Steps for Better Recycling

Please ensure recycling is empty, clean and loose. No plastic bags or soft plastic wrappings, these items can often be taken to local supermarket collection points.



Quickly rinse any containers to prevent contamination or unpleasant odours which can affect other collected recyclables.

Remove lids from glass bottles and jars and place these in with the cans and plastics to be recycled. Pyrex items and drinking glasses cannot be recycled through the kerbside collection service.



Empty and flatten all cardboard boxes to take up less space in the kerbside container and collection vehicle.

No hard plastic toys or plastic hangers - these items may be recycled at the Household Waste and Recycling Centres.



Why Recycling Makes a Difference

90% of all drink cans in the UK are made from aluminium and it takes **95% less energy** to recycle aluminium cans than it does to make it from raw materials.

Each tonne of recycled paper saves 380 gallons of oil, 7,000 gallons of water and around three cubic metres of landfill space. It takes **60% less energy** to recycle paper than it does to make it from raw materials.



Recycling a single glass bottle will save enough energy to power a laptop for half an hour, and a single plastic bottle saves enough energy to power one light bulb for three hours.

In 2024/2025, the electricity produced from Broxbourne's food waste was enough to power 370 homes continuously and produce 2,253 tonnes of fertiliser to spread on local fields.

Bulky Waste Collection Service



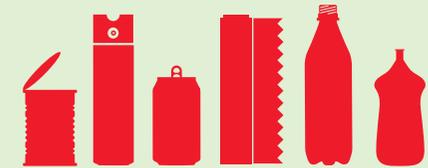
The Council offers a chargeable bulky waste collection service for items such as furniture, mattresses, white goods (excluding fridges and freezers) and electrical goods.

If the item you wish to dispose of is in good condition and could be reused by someone else, consider donating it to a reuse organisation or a charity shop.

For more information on the Council's Bulky Waste service or to book a collection, please visit www.broxbourne.gov.uk/bulkywaste or scan the QR code.



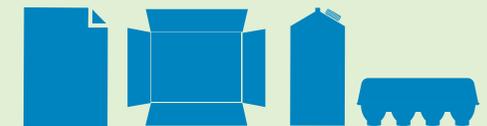
What everyone needs to know about Simpler Recycling



Tins, cans, foil, aerosols, plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays



Glass bottles and jars



Paper, cardboard and Tetra Pak cartons

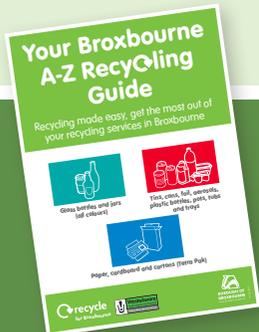
Lets get this sorted!



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Right Item, Right Bin

The average waste bin can contain around **48% of materials** which could be recycled...



The Council's A-Z Recycling Guide can be found on the website www.broxbourne.gov.uk/recycling, and provides information on what can and cannot go into your recycling containers.



Please do not put batteries, vapes, gas canisters, or hot ashes in your domestic waste bin, as they can cause fires in the waste collection vehicles. Hazardous waste such as paint, chemicals, oil, and building materials (plasterboard, rubble, etc.) require special disposal.



- Anything with a **plug, battery or cable** can be reused or recycled and must not go in your domestic waste bin. **Batteries, vapes, and small electronics** can be taken to the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRCs) at Brookfield, Turnford or Pindar Road, Hoddesdon.
- Most **gas canisters or cylinders** (Calor Gas) should be returned to the original supplier for reuse or can be taken to the HWRCs.
- **Hot ash** once cooled; wood ash can be composted, and small amounts of coal ash can be placed into the domestic waste bin.
- Only empty and completely dry **paint tins** can go in the bin. Tins of paint may be taken to one of the Borough's HWRCs.
- **Cooking and engine oil** can be taken to the HWRCs.
- **Building materials** may require a permit for disposal at the HWRCs. For more information please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk.



It is important to keep recyclable materials and large, bulky items out of the domestic waste bin.