



# Let's Recycle Right in Dacorum





# What goes in my kitchen caddy?

Please recycle ALL of your food waste - raw or cooked!

## ✓ Accepted

- **Plate scrapings**  
including pasta, rice and sauces
- **Leftovers that cannot be saved**
- **Mouldy or inedible food**  
including sink scraps and old pet food
- **Tea bags and coffee grounds**
- **Fruit and vegetables**  
including skin, stones, cores and nut shells
- **Meat and fish**  
including skin, bones and seafood shells
- **Dairy products**  
including cheese, egg and egg shells
- **Baked goods**  
including bread, biscuits, and pastries

## ✗ Not Accepted



- **Packaging**  
including wrappers, pots, trays, boxes, bags, labels or netting
- **Oils or liquids**  
such as juice, milk or water
- **Nappies**
- **Pet bedding**
- **Flowers or plants**

RECYCLING  
CHANGES  
EVERYTHING



# What goes in my blue-lidded bin

Please make sure that all recycling goes into your bin clean and loose.

## ✓ Accepted



- **Plastic pots, tubs and trays**  
including black plastics
- **Mixed paper and card**
- **Food and drinks cans**
- **Cartons**
- **Mixed glass bottles and jars**
- **Aerosols and foil trays**
- **Cardboard**
- **Plastic bottles**

## ✗ Not Accepted

- **Soft plastics**  
(bags, wrappers, film  
Cellophane)
- **Polystyrene**
- **Food**
- **Textiles**
- **Electricals/batteries**  
(fire hazard)
- **Hard plastic toys**

**We will not collect bins that contain the wrong materials.** This can damage machinery and affect the recycling quality.



# What goes in my green-lidded bin?



## Accepted

- Grass/hedge cuttings
- Weeds
- Leaves
- Plants and cut flowers
- Twigs/small branches
- Small animal bedding made from straw, hay or wood chippings (not shredded paper)



## Extra Garden Waste?

If you regularly have excess garden waste, you may want to buy an additional green-lidded bin for £25 and subscribe to our Additional Garden Waste Service, which costs £60 a year per additional bin.

## Not Accepted

- Plant pots
- Soils, stones and concrete
- Animal faeces
- Batteries
- Food waste
- General waste
- Recycling

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Green-lidded bins are collected fortnightly between March and November and should be left at the boundary of your property by **6.45am** on the day of collection.



# What can't go in my grey-lidded bin?

## **X** Not Accepted

- **Recyclable materials**
- **Food waste**
- **Electrical items**
- **Batteries**
- **Household construction items**
- **Garden waste**



The grey bin should only be used for items that cannot be recycled. Before putting objects in your grey bin, please consider whether the item could be reused, recycled or given away!

# Your questions answered...

## Why hasn't my bin been collected?

If you put your bin out for collection on the correct day and we missed it, you can report it online. Please ensure you report your missed bin within 48 hours of your scheduled day.

If the wrong items are found in your bin, we will not be able to empty it. Our crews will record the problem and leave an advisory note on your bin. It will be your responsibility to remove the items of contamination for the next blue-lidded bin collection.

Contamination of any amount and any kind cannot be collected. A small amount of contamination can add up across a whole round. When the recycling is taken to be sorted at the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) a whole load can be rejected if the percentage of items that cannot be recycled is too high. This can mean a whole lorry of recycling could be sent to landfill, a destination that is not only a waste of the materials but also very expensive.

## Swap your bin size

Residents with access issues can have a small wheeled bin after an assessment has been made.

If you are overflowing your blue-lidded bin every fortnight then you may be eligible for a larger blue-lidded bin. To order a new bin please visit: [www.dacorum.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/recycling)

## Can I put out excess mixed recycling?

You can put excess recycling in a sturdy container (such as a bucket or washing up bowl) beside your blue lidded bin. You can also take excess recycling to your nearest recycling centre. For recycling centre locations please visit: [www.dacorum.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)

## Can I put out excess refuse?

Our collection crews will not collect any rubbish which is not in your bin. Any bags that are on top of the bin or raising the lid to a point that it is unsafe to move/lift will be removed, the bin will be emptied and the additional bags will be placed inside. Our crews will record that there was excess waste at the property and will leave an advisory note on your bin. Likewise, if the grey bin is too heavy for our crew to move/lift it will not be emptied.



# Recycling in Dacorum

## Bulky items

Bulky items such as sofas, fridges, mattresses and other furniture or appliances can either be donated to charity or collected and by our Bulky Waste Collection Service. To find out more information and for current collection prices please visit: [www.dacorum.gov.uk/bulkycollection](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/bulkycollection)

To book your collection call [01442 228000](tel:01442228000) and ask for "Waste Services".

## Recycling centres (RC)

You can recycle textiles, batteries and much more at your local RC. Your local RCs in Dacorum are located in Eastman Way, Hemel Hempstead and Northbridge Road, Berkhamsted.

For a full list of the materials your nearest recycling centre can accept and the opening hours, visit: [www.hertsdirect.org/wasteaware](http://www.hertsdirect.org/wasteaware) or call [0300 1234051](tel:03001234051).

## Reusable nappy rewards scheme

Just one baby can send up to 4,000 disposable nappies to landfill by the time the time baby is potty trained. Switching to reusable nappies, even just part-time, can help both the environment and your bank account. You can get an exclusive discount and additional support through the HERTS Reusable Nappies scheme.

Find out more here: <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/realnappies> or call [01442 228000](tel:01442228000) and ask for "Waste Services".



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NAPPIES IN HERTS**

## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Recycling is brilliant, but it is even better for the environment to reduce the amount of waste that you create and reuse what you have. We run various campaigns and initiatives throughout the year to help residents Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. For example, our Real Nappy Scheme, Love Food Hate Waste challenge and Clothes Swap events. Keep an eye on our website or follow us on social media to find out more: [www.dacorum.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.dacorum.gov.uk/recycling)



Email: [recycle@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:recycle@dacorum.gov.uk)

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# Top tips

Put all your food waste straight into your kitchen caddy and keep the lid closed.

Store your caddy in an easy-to-reach place in your kitchen, such as on the side, windowsill, by your kitchen bin or under the sink.

Remember to empty your caddy regularly to avoid overfilling the liner so you can tie it up easily.

**Flatten all cardboard boxes** to save space in your recycling bin.

**Rinse** your plastic bottles, food containers, trays and cartons in your old **washing—up water**.

Have another **bin or box** in your kitchen or bathroom for your **recyclable** items

## Love food, hate waste.



Food waste is a big environmental issue and, as with all household waste, it is important to reduce the amount we create before recycling what we can.

Many people are surprised to see how much food they throw away once they separate it. The average family could save up to £60 per month by reducing their food waste. Remember to always:

- Plan ahead - write a meal plan for the week and use what you have already
- Buy what you need - write a shopping list based on the meal plan
- Store correctly - check your fridge temperature is between 0-5°C
- Cook the right amount - use weighing scales to help you
- Eat it all or store leftovers for later - keep plenty of containers on standby

For more advice, tips and recipes to help you waste less, visit:

[www.lovefoodhatewaste.com](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)