I have more than one green and/or grey bin. Can I continue to put them all out for collection?

We only collect one of each type of bin per property. For example, if you have more than one green or grey wheeled bin, then you can only put one out for collection. Any other green bins can be kept for storing your garden waste. We are selling compostable garden waste sacks at the Civic Centres; however they can only be used to store garden waste in your bins or for the waste of making up the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Do not leave garden waste sacks out for collection alongside your green wheeled bin as they are not be collected.

What happens to my recycling after it's collected?

The mixed recycling from your blue lidded bin is sent to a Materials Recycling Facility that sorts it into separate material streams before making it into new items. The garden waste is sent to a windrow system where it is made into compost. The garden compost is sold for use in schools, colleges, parks and gardens. The yard waste is sent into liquid fertilizer and bio-solids (carbon dioxide and methane) to produce electricity.

Can I put out excess mixed recycling?

We will only collect excess recycling in sturdy containers and not in carrier bags and if you think there may be occasions you might over-fill the blue lidded bin, then you can use a rigid container for that purpose.

Can I buy excess waste sacks for refuse?

We no longer sell excess waste sacks for refuse because we are trying to reduce good quality recycling going to landfill. Any excess non-recyclable waste that does not fit in your grey wheeled bin can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre on Eastman Way in Hemel Hempstead or Northbridge Road in Berkhamsted.

Can I put out excess garden waste?

Your local HWRCs in Dacorum are located in Eastman Way, Hemel Hempstead and Northbridge Road, Berkhamsted. As a resident of Dacorum you are entitled to a reduced price compost bin for your garden. For the latest prices and special offers in this area visit www.getcomposting.com or call 0844 5714444.

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For more frequently asked questions and policies, visit www.dacorum.gov.uk/recycling.

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Email r4d@dacorum.gov.uk
Tel 01442 228000 and ask for Waste Services.
Less sorting... more recycling!

Food recycling
Collected weekly
Cooked and uncooked food waste can be collected in plastic bags, compostable liners or wrapped in newspaper.

Garden waste
Collected fortnightly
between February and November

Mixed recycling
Collected fortnightly

Non-recyclables
Collected fortnightly
All this rubbish goes to landfill so please recycle all you can.

Yes please!
- Any food waste or scraps
- Fruit and vegetables
- Tea bags, egg shells and coffee grounds
- Plates, cutlery and waxed paper
- Paper, magazines and directories
- Clean aluminium foil and trays
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic containers, trays, pots and tubs
- Food tins, drink cans and aerosols
- Plastic bottles
- Food and drink cartons
- Cardboard

Yes please!
- Leaves and grass clippings
- Twigs and prunings
- Pet bedding (excluding paper)

Non-recyclables such as...
- Polystyrene
- Crisp packets and wrappers
- Plastic bags
- Cardboard
- Treated wood
- Dog or cat poo
- Clothing or carpet
- Soil, stones or rubble
- Plastic bags
- Polystyrene
- Nappies
- Clothing
- Cling film
- Light bulbs
- Drinking glasses
- Large amounts of liquids
- Food packaging
- Pet bedding
- Meat and fish skin and bones
- Plate scrapings
- Waste fruit and vegetables
- Plate scrapings
- Any food waste or scraps

Yes please!
- Please do not put any plastic bags, black sacks or plastic film in the blue lidded bin.
- Please rinse food and drink containers and foil before recycling them. Do not leave any food in the packaging as it will spoil the recycled product.
- Your bin lid must be closed with no waste visible. Bags left neat to or on top of your grey bin will not be collected.
- If you have black sacks instead of bins, you can put out a maximum of five black sacks each fortnight.

Put your bins out on the boundary of your property by 6.45am on the day of your collection.

Please take your bins back within your property boundary by the end of your collection day.