

What if my sack is not collected?

Please report this to us using our online form and we'll collect it as soon as possible - www.edinburgh.gov.uk/report

Will you still collect red boxes?

No, we will only collect the green gull proof sack in this street

Where can I get more clear plastic sacks?

You residents' street association will supply clear plastic sacks for the trial.

Are there are any other changes to my waste collection?

No. All other waste - non-recyclable, food and glass - will continue to be collected as they are now. Continue to use your:

- black gull proof sack for non-recyclable waste
- food caddy for food waste
- blue box for glass bottles and jars with their lids.



More information

If you have questions about the trial, please email waste@edinburgh.gov.uk

Your residents' street association can give advice who or guidance about how to sort your recycling and use the gull proof sacks.

Name:

Contact details:



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recycle for Edinburgh



Important changes to recycling collections in your street

Improved recycling collection trial

Your household has been chosen for a trial to improve recycling collections. Your red recycling box will be replaced with a new green gull proof sack.



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Help us increase the quality and quantity of recycling in your street

We all need to reduce waste and increase recycling as this will help us tackle climate change and meet Edinburgh's target to be a net zero city by 2030.

Many households find that the current red recycling boxes are too small to fit in everything they want to recycle. The red boxes can also be a problem as they, for example, are blown around in the wind which can cause litter and can be a trip hazard for many pedestrians.

We have been working with your residents' street association to find a better way to collect recycling. We are running a trial of using green gull proof sacks to see if they work for you and for our collection crews.

We will run this for six months, from October 2022 to March 2023. We will review the trial and see how we will develop the way we collect waste in future.

Your residents' street association will give all households on your street a **green gull proof sack** and a six-month supply of **clear plastic sacks** during October 2022.

Using the new recycling sacks

- Sort and clean all items that can be recycled
- Store them separately from your non-recyclable waste
- Place the washed recyclable items in the clear plastic sack and tie at the top
- Put the filled clear plastic sacks in the green gull proof sack
- Put your recycling out for collection on the evening before your collection day - hang or tie the green gull proof sack to railings

Your recycling sack will be collected on a **Friday**. Please put out by **6am**.

Remember to take your green gull proof sack back in as soon as possible after it is emptied.

Your recycling must be in the clear plastic sacks inside the gull proof sack. We will not collect recycling that is in other sacks.



What to put in your green gull proof sack

Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays including

- Drinks bottles
- Shampoo, shower gel and household cleaning bottles
- Pots, tubs and trays used for food or cosmetics

Tin cans and aerosols

- Empty aerosol cans
- Metal, tin and drinks cans
- Clean aluminium foil

Paper and cardboard

- Unwanted mail
- Envelopes
- Newspapers, magazines and other paper
- Drinks and food cartons
- Wrapping paper (not metallic)



Tips to help with recycling

- Flatten small cardboard to put it in the clear plastic sacks.
- Flatten large boxes which are too big to fit in the clear plastic sacks, tie them in a bundle and place inside another cardboard box or place beside the green gull proof sack.
- Rinse all your plastics. If you don't, it contaminates the paper you've put in your recycling and we may not be able to recycle it.
- No need to remove labels, except for bottles wrapped in a sleeve made from a different, thinner plastic. Tear these off and put them in your non-recyclable waste bin.
- Bottle tops can be recycled but remove pump sprays and put in your non-recyclable waste.
- Some plastics cannot be recycled – for example plastic film, sacks, wrappers, crisp sacks, biscuit wrappers, cling film, plant pots or toys.
- Do not put paper towels, kitchen roll, napkins, polystyrene or photographs in your recycling.

Why use clear plastic sacks?

We are providing these for convenience of both residents and our crews. The recycling needs to be bagged for collection. The clear plastic means our crews can easily see it is recycling and is not contaminated with non-recycling.

Can I use black bin sacks to put out my recycling?

No. Please use clear plastic sacks only. If you put recycling in black, white or other opaque plastic sacks, our crews can't see what is inside. We will **not** collect other sacks.

How do I recycle large cardboard boxes that don't fit into my sack?

Flatten and tie them in a bundle. Place inside another cardboard box and place beside the green gull proof sack. You can also make an appointment to take them to your nearest recycling centre - www.edinburgh.gov.uk/bookrecycling