

More information

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

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

Name and contact details:

The new non-recyclable gull proof sack provides you with the same capacity as residents elsewhere in the city who receive a kerbside collection. If you have a need based on a larger household or medical condition, please email waste@edinburgh.gov.uk



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Extending the mixed recycling collection trial

Continuing with the gull proof sacks.



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What is happening next?

Following the success of trials of using green mixed recycling gull proof sacks, we are extending the trial on your street. The next phase will start in November 2023 when we will start collecting mixed recycling weekly instead of fortnightly.

As the trial has been so successful so far, we are looking to bring the New Town collections in line with the rest of the city. This means we're changing the black (non-recyclable) waste sack for a slightly smaller one. We will still be collecting non-recyclable waste weekly.

What will my collection days be?

Collection days will stay the same. You can check which day the waste is collected on your street at www.edinburgh.gov/recycling

- Mixed recycling (green sacks) will now be collected every week on a Thursday
- Non-recyclable waste (black sacks) will still be collected every week on a Tuesday
- Food and glass waste collections will remain the same.

Please put all waste out on the street by 6am on collection days.

When will I get my new smaller black gull proof sack?

We expect these to be distributed to the streets involved in the trial during November 2023.

What happens to our old black gull proof sacks?

Your street association will deliver your new smaller sack, please start using this straight away. Please do not continue to use your larger black gull proof sack. Instead present it empty on your next collection day and we will remove it. We will phase out any larger sacks being used over the next couple of months.

Your street association will do it's best to get the new smaller sack to you. If we have missed your property, you can get a new sack by either:

- contacting your local street association
- emailing waste@edinburgh.gov.uk and we will arrange delivery



What about food waste?

We want to increase the amount of all waste we're recycling in the city. Improving food waste recycling is an important part of those efforts. Across the city about a third of waste put out as non-recyclable waste (previously known as landfill) is food waste. This food waste is then incinerated along with all other residual waste, adding to atmospheric emissions rather than being converted to energy and fertiliser. We would like to encourage residents on the trial streets to separate their food waste to divert it from the non-recyclable waste stream and help increase the quantity of food waste that is recycled. If you don't already have an indoor or outdoor food waste caddy, please either contact your local street association or email waste@edinburgh.gov.uk and we will arrange for bins to be delivered.

Future of the trial and of the New Town waste collections

For now, we will be keeping this trial to within the same streets which are already involved. Once we can evaluate this next phase of the trial, we will look at the future collection methods in the whole of the New Town and Phase 5 of the Communal Bin Review.

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)

