

Recycling

in the Bradford District

Your questions answered



Recycling

– Frequently asked questions

General enquiries

Why should I recycle?

The waste you put in your green bin is landfilled which is bad for the environment. Recycling saves natural resources, saves energy and reduces the amount of waste landfilled. It is important that Bradford's residents recycle as much as possible to meet the government and EU recycling targets, if we fail to meet the targets the Council will incur financial penalties.

What happens to the waste I recycle?

All the waste that is collected is sent to waste reprocessors who sort and bale the waste ready for manufacturers to make into new products.

The garden waste is composted on an industrial scale and is used as a soil improver on land reclamation projects.

What recycling facilities should I have at home?

The majority of homes should have a grey paper bin which contains a blue insert for glass and cans and a green bag for garden waste.

Why do some homes in Bradford have different recycling facilities?

There are a number of reasons why some properties have a slightly different recycling service to some parts of the District. This could be due to restricted vehicular access to specific properties in certain areas. In this instance, our partner, Aire Valley Recycling may provide recycling boxes for collection in more rural areas.

Or perhaps you may use larger amounts of glass & cans and therefore require a large glass & cans bin (with a blue lid) rather than just an insert. We are also trialling the collection of plastic bottles in a very small area of the District only. If you wish to swap your glass & cans insert for a larger glass & cans bin, then please call us on 01274 431000.



Where can I recycle other types of waste?

A wide range of materials such as wood, scrap metal, plastics and much more can be recycled at the Household Waste Recycling Centres.

I do not have transport to take my waste to a Household Waste Recycling Centre, what should I do with my waste?

You can arrange for a bulky waste collection by telephoning Bradford Council on 01274 431000. We will collect a maximum of 5 items or 10 bags, free of charge. Households are allowed up to 4 bulky collections per year.

What should I do if my recycling bin is contaminated?

If your bin or bag is contaminated with the wrong type of waste it will not be collected. The collection crews will put a tag on your bin indicating it is contaminated, if this repeatedly occurs your recycling bin will be removed. Please remove the wrong items of waste from your recycling bin before your next collection.

What should I do if I want to make a complaint or compliment?

Please telephone 01274 431000 and you will be advised accordingly.

New Recycling Bins

My home doesn't have any recycling facilities, but I want to recycle.

Please telephone 01274 431000 or go to www.bradford.gov/recycling to find out what kerbside recycling facilities we can offer you.

Do I have to pay for a new recycling bin if mine is stolen?

NO – recycling bins are free of charge. To avoid your bin / bag being stolen or lost write your house number on the bin or bag.

My bin is broken, can I get a new bin?

YES – Please telephone 01274 431000 to report a damaged bin, we will either repair or replace damaged bins.

My recycling is collected by Aire Valley Recycling - what can I recycle and when is it collected?

Aire Valley Recycling collect a wide range of materials, for details on exactly what can be recycled and collection date information please contact

Aire Valley Recycling on 01274 586619 or see www.airevalleyrecycling.o.uk



Recycling Collections

How often is my recycling collected?

Recycling and garden waste bags are collected on a 4 weekly cycle. In order for your recycling to be collected you must place your bin or bag at the kerbside by 7am on your collection date, once emptied please return your bin or bag to your property. However, if your recycling is collected by Aire Valley Recycling, they collect every two weeks.

I don't know my collection dates

Use our new Online Collection Date Checker at www.bradford.gov.uk/recycling to view your collection dates and print out a collection date sticker.

My recycling was not collected what should I do?

You must ensure your bin / bag is out for collection by 7am and has been presented at the kerbside. You must also ensure that you have put the correct materials in the bin or bag. If you have not done this your bin / bag will be marked with a contamination sticker and will not be collected until you have removed the incorrect material. Occasionally the collection crews may miss your bin / bag, for example if the vehicle breaks down. If your recycling collection has been missed please call 01274 431000 and you will be advised what to do.



I want to recycle but I am unable to put my bin / bag out for collection?

If you struggle to put your bin / bag out for collection due to being elderly or disabled and there is no one else able to do this in your household, Bradford Council can offer you an assisted collection. Assisted collections are where the collection crews enter your property to collect your bin / bag.

Please note we do not offer an assisted collection for garden waste bags.

Grey Paper Bin or Blue Bag

What can I recycle in my grey paper bin / blue bag?

- Junk mail
- Catalogues
- Office paper (including brown)
- Brown cardboard (including corrugated)
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- All envelopes (including brown)

Can I recycle envelopes?

YES - All envelopes including brown envelopes can be recycled. You don't have to remove the windows.

Can I recycle brown cardboard?

We are pleased to tell residents that you can now recycle brown cardboard and brown envelopes in your grey paper recycling bin or blue bag.

Can I recycle yellow pages?

YES- all directories including yellow pages can be recycled in your paper recycling bin.

Insert - Glass & Cans

Blue lid bins / Inserts

What can I recycle in my blue insert / blue lidded bin?

- Drinks cans
- Glass bottles
- Food cans
- Glass jars
- Foil
- Aerosols

Can I recycle other types of glass?

NO – Window panes, tumblers, Pyrex and mirrors can not be recycled as this type of glass has different properties to jars and bottles.

Can I recycle kitchen foil and foil trays?

YES – clean foil and foil trays can be recycled.

Can I recycle aerosols?

YES – aerosols cans can be recycled, please ensure they are completely empty before recycling.

Can I recycle biscuit / sweet tins?

Yes these can be put in glass/can bins or insert.

Do I need to remove the labels?

NO – labels on the bottles, jars and cans do not need to be removed.

Do I need to wash the glass and cans?

Glass and jars don't have to be spotless – just free from food. So please give them a quick rinse before recycling.

Plastics

Can I recycle plastics at the kerbside?

We are currently trialling a kerbside collection of plastic bottles to a limited number of households.

What types of plastics can be recycled?

Only plastic bottles are collected for recycling. All plastic bottles can be recycled for example pop bottles, milk bottles, shampoo bottles and washing up liquid bottles.

Can I recycle plastic pots and trays?

NO – Collection, infrastructure and low market demand are barriers to the recycling of some types of plastics which includes pots, tubs and trays. Currently Bradford Council is only able to collect plastic bottles.

Can I recycle plastic carrier bags?

Bradford Council does not accept plastic carrier bags. Some supermarkets now offer in-store recycling banks for carrier bags. Please check your local supermarket.

Where can I recycle plastic bottles?

Plastic bottles can be recycled at all the Household Waste Recycling Centres or at certain local recycling banks such as supermarket car parks.



Garden Waste – Green bags

What can I recycle in my garden waste bag?

- Grass cuttings
- Leaves
- Twigs
- Hedge trimmings
- Weeds
- Small branches
- Plants

How many garden waste bags can I have?

Each household is issued with 2 garden waste bags, if you require extra bags please leave a note for the collection crew.

What should I do if I have lots of garden waste?

Please take large amounts of garden waste to be recycled at your local Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Can I put tree trunks & large branches in my garden waste bag?

NO – These are too heavy to be recycled in the garden waste bags please take large or heavy items

of garden waste to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Can I put soil, rubble or stones in the garden waste bag?

NO – the garden waste collected is composted. Soil cannot rot down further and rubble and stones are

inert so cannot be composted. Please take soil and rubble to your nearest Household Waste Recycling Centre.

Can I put vegetable peelings in the garden waste bag?

NO – only garden waste can be put into the green bag. Some kitchen waste such as fruit and vegetable peelings can be composted, however they cannot be composted in the green bags, please only use your own home compost bin / compost heap. This is due to processed foods not being permitted at the composting facility due to health regulations.

My bag is too heavy to lift what should I do?

If your bag is too heavy to lift, the collection crews will also struggle to collect your garden waste bags. Please spread the load between a few bags instead of overfilling one bag.

I have lost my garden waste bag, what should I do?

Use bin bags for your garden waste ensuring the collection crews can see the bags contain garden waste. On your next collection leave a note for the crew indicating you would like some more garden waste bags; they will then leave you new bags.

Compost Bins

Do Bradford Council offer free compost bins?

We don't offer any free compost bins. However, we can offer low cost compost bins. To order yours, see www.bradford.getcomposting.com or call 0844 571 4444



Household Waste Recycling Centres

There are 8 HWRC's in the Bradford District.

These are:

- Bowling Back Lane, Bradford
- Dealburn Road, Low Moor, Wyke
- Dowley Gap, Wagon Lane, Bingley
- Fordhill, Queensbury
- Golden Butts Road, Ilkley
- Midland Road, Manningham
- Royd Ings Avenue, Keighley
- Sugden End, Halifax Road, Keighley



The sites are open to the public 7 days a week, 362 days per year.

All sites close on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day, but are open on other Bank Holidays and Sundays.

Site	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays
Bowling Back Lane, Bradford	8am-5pm	8am-4pm	9am-4pm
Dealburn Road, Low Moor, Wyke	8am-5pm*	8am-4pm	9am-4pm
Dowley Gap, Wagon Lane, Bingley	8am-5pm	8am-4pm	9am-4pm
Ford Hill, Queensbury	8am-5pm	8am-4pm	9am-4pm
Golden Butts Road, Ilkley	8am-5pm	8am-4pm	9am-4pm
Midland Road, Manningham	8am-5pm	8am-4pm	9am-4pm
Royd Ings Avenue, Keighley	8am-5pm	8am-12 noon	9am-4pm
Sugden End, Halifax Road, Keighley	8am-5pm*	8am-4pm	9am-4pm

* these sites close at 4pm in winter (GMT hours)

Permits

Permits are required for residents who use a commercial vehicle such as a van, pick-up, flatback or large trailer (over 1.5m) to take their domestic waste to a Household Waste Recycling Centre. Permits are free, for information to obtain a permit call 01274 432442 or 01535 681482.



Recycling is easy!

– no excuses



Contact us

If you have any questions about recycling, collection dates, new bins or missed collections, please contact us.

Tel 01274 431000

www.bradford.gov.uk/recycling

The information contained in this leaflet can be made available in other formats such as **LARGE PRINT** and **Braille** please contact 01274 437112