

A change to your non-recyclable waste collections

From
28 April
2025



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Flintshire recycles

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What's changing?

- ✓ From the week starting **Monday 28 April 2025**, we'll **collect your non-recyclable waste** from your home **every three weeks**, instead of every two weeks.
- ✓ **Your collection day might change.** To check your collection dates, look at the calendar we'll send to you, visit our website or contact us.
- ✓ Please **continue to use your existing black bin** for your non-recyclable waste.
- ✓ Please **don't put extra waste alongside your bin, or on top of it preventing the lid from closing.** This is known as 'excess waste', which we won't collect.
- ✓ If you produce more non-recyclable waste than you can fit in your bin for us to collect every three weeks, please hold onto it and put it out on your next collection day, or take it to your local Household Recycling Centre free of charge.

Why are we making this change?

- 1.** While most people in Flintshire recycle, **58% of the waste put in bins for non-recyclable waste could have been easily recycled from home or local Household Recycling Centre.** If you sort your waste and recycle the best you can using the separate recycling collections we provide every week, you'll have less leftover waste to put in your black bin.
- 2.** **We currently recycle 63% of our waste, but we need to reach 70% by 2025** to meet Welsh Government's recycling target, or we may be charged a heavy fine.
- 3.** **More than 1 million homes in the UK already receive less frequent collections for their non-recyclable waste and it's resulted in improvements to recycling rates in those areas.**
- 4.** By reducing how often we collect your leftover non-recyclable waste, **we'll also lessen the distance we travel, which cuts the amount of pollution emitted by vehicles and lowers our carbon emissions, which helps prevent climate change.**

What should you put in your bin for non-recyclable waste?



✓ Yes please

Most items that **can't be** recycled from home using your council-provided containers, or those that **can't be** recycled at your local Household Recycling Centre, such as:

- ✓ Polystyrene
- ✓ Crisp packets*
- ✓ Animal poo, including cat litter
- ✓ Single-use cups, such as those used for tea and coffee
- ✓ Plastic bags and wrapping*
- ✓ All remaining household waste that can't be recycled

* Some of these items are accepted at out of home recycling points at locations such as supermarkets. Visit walesrecycles.org.uk to find your nearest facility.

✗ No thank you

Any items that **can be** recycled from home using your council-provided containers, or those that **can be** recycled at your local Household Recycling Centre, such as:

- ✗ Food waste
- ✗ Glass bottles and jars
- ✗ Metal cans, tins, aerosols and foil
- ✗ Plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- ✗ Food and drink cartons, such as Tetra Pak
- ✗ Cardboard and paper
- ✗ Household batteries
- ✗ Nappy and absorbent hygiene products (if you're registered for this service)
- ✗ Clinical waste (if you're registered for this service)
- ✗ Garden waste (if you're registered for this chargeable service)
- ✗ Electrical items (which you should take to your local Household Recycling Centre)

Frequently asked questions

Need extra recycling containers?

If you produce more recycling than you can fit in your existing recycling containers, or yours are broken or have gone missing, you may collect extra or replacement containers from your local Household Recycling Centre or Connects Centre. Visit

flintshire.gov.uk/RequestRecyclingItems



Have a big family?

The standard bin size for homes with five or fewer people is a 180-litre bin.

If you have six or more people living in your home – and feel you're recycling all you can but still need more space for your non-recyclable waste – you may apply for a larger 240-litre bin.

Visit flintshire.gov.uk/LargerBinRequest or call our Streetscene team on **01352 701234**.



Need help?

To find out what household waste you can and can't recycle from home, visit flintshire.gov.uk/WhatCanIRecycle

If you need help to sort your waste and recycle correctly, email us at streetscene@flintshire.gov.uk or call our Streetscene team on **01352 701234** for advice and guidance.



Your **recycling** is **making a BIG difference** in **Flintshire**.

Thank you for continuing to do the right thing and for doing your bit for the environment, by sorting your waste and recycling what you can.

 www.flintshire.gov.uk/CollectionChanges

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