# Your recycling and waste services explained

Recycling more of your household waste from the kerbside







# **Overview of service**

Cotswold District Council offers the following waste and recycling services:

- Fortnightly collection of dry recycling (includes: paper, cardboard, tins, cans, foil, empty aerosols, plastic bottles, plastic punnets, trays and tubs, cartons, glass jars and bottles, textiles plus small electrical appliances and household batteries)
- Weekly food waste recycling
- Fortnightly refuse collection
- Residents can also opt in to our charged for garden waste service, collected each fortnight

We normally collect your refuse, recycling, food waste and garden waste (if subscribed) on one week and food waste only on the other week.



Please ensure you present all of your containers at the kerbside by 7am on your collection day

You can find out what days your collections are due by visiting: www.cotswold.gov.uk/binday

#### Food waste

Simply line your green kitchen caddy with compostable bags or newspaper. Alternatively, you can use old plastic supermarket carrier bags, bread and sandwich bags. Once your kitchen caddy is full, transfer the contents to your black outdoor caddy. Food waste is not accepted in the garden waste bins.



**Need containers? Order online at** www.cotswold.gov.uk

### Cardboard

Use your blue bag to recycle brown corrugated card (remove tape), grey and white card and plain greeting cards. All cardboard **MUST** be contained within the blue bag for it to be collected.



NO THANKS X Packaging tape X Paper X Cartons X Polystyrene X Cards with glitter, foil and ribbon

You can write your house name or number on your bag. Cardboard presented outside the bag will be left.

### **Mixed recycling**

Use your white recycling bag for tins, cans, empty aerosols, clean foil, plastic bottles, tubs, punnets, pots, trays and cartons (such as Tetra Pak).



Wash and squash bottles to give you room to recycle more.

NO THANKS X Other metal objects X Crisp packets X Paper coffee/ beverage cups X Plastic film/wrappers/bags X Pet food pouches

#### Glass

Use one of your recycling boxes to recycle your glass bottles and jars.



NO THANKS X Broken glass X Toughened glass (i.e. glass panes, Pyrex) X Drinking glasses/tumblers X Lightbulbs X Fluorescent tubes

#### Paper

Use your other box to recycle paper, envelopes, catalogues, newspapers and magazines. Help us to reduce litter by putting the lid on your paper box.



NO THANKS X Card and cardboard (use your blue bag) X Cartons (use your white bag) X Plastic film/wrappers

You can also recycle plain wrapping paper in your box (remove tape. No glitter/foil paper).

Have we missed you? Report missed collections within 2 working days. Report online at www.cotswold.gov.uk

# **Small electricals**

Small electrical and electronic appliances must be presented in an old supermarket carrier bag or similar and placed inside either recycling box with the lid on to keep them clean and dry.

Use your carrier bag to present: kitchen appliances, home appliances, personal care/grooming appliances, children's toys, mobile and digital phones, cameras, games consoles, tablets, e-readers, fairy lights, electrical cables and chargers.



#### NO THANKS X TVs and monitors X Lightbulbs X Fluorescent tubes X Large appliances

Please do not put out larger appliances for collection as these cannot be collected on the recycling vehicle.

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Look out for the crossed out wheeled bin symbol on your appliance. This indicates that the item should not be disposed of in the grey refuse bin.

### **Household batteries**

Batteries need to be bagged separately from the electrical appliances. Please put your bagged batteries inside either recycling box with the lid on.

We accept AAA, AA, C, D, 9v, button, mobile and laptop batteries.

#### NO THANKS X Car or motorbike batteries

# **Textiles and shoes**

Textiles and shoes must be bagged. Please use an old carrier bag or similar and bag shoes separately from textiles. Tie bag handles and place inside either recycling box with the lid on to keep them clean and dry.



NO THANKS X Wet textiles X Heavily soiled fabric (oily rags etc) X Pillows X Duvets X Cushions X Rugs and carpets

We accept a wide range of textiles including: Clothing, hats, gloves, belts, scarves and handbags Don't forget to continue to support your local charity shops and the great work they do. Unwanted textiles can also be recycled in our clothing and shoe banks.

#### Recycling banks and Household Recycling Centre

Residents who have extra recycling can use one of the district's recycling sites. Find your nearest banks at: **www.cotswold.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/ recycling-banks-and-centres** 

If you have excess household waste, garden waste, recyclables or large items you can take them to Gloucestershire County Council's Household Recycling Centre at Fosse Cross (north of Cirencester, off the A429 near The Stump public house, GL54 4NW). **Please note:** The site is closed on Tuesdays.

You must pre-book your visit at: **www.gloucestershirerecycles.com** 

To find out more about what you can recycle at the Household Recycling Centre visit: 🕑 www.gloucestershirerecycles.com

# Bulky waste

We also offer a bulky waste collection service for larger items such as white goods, mattresses, dining room furniture and large electrical items for a small charge. To book a collection and for more information please call **01285 623123**.



#### Garden waste

Garden waste is only collected from properties which have paid to receive this service. The subscription charge is a fixed price for 12 months and collections are made each fortnight.

Kerbside garden waste collections are a convenient way to dispose of your garden waste - such as grass cuttings, plants, leaves and hedge prunings.



YES PLEASE ✓ Lawn cuttings ✓ Tree and hedge prunings ✓ Garden plants and weeds ✓ Leaves, twigs and bark ✓ Small amounts of herbivore pet (e.g.hamster or rabbit) bedding ✓ Christmas trees (please reduce to 1m or smaller) ✓ Small amounts of windfall fruit (this is not classed as food waste)

> NO THANKS X Soil, rubble and stones X Paper X Dog faeces X Cardboard X Food waste

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# Refuse (non-recyclable)

Refuse must be presented inside your council-issue grey wheeled bin. You cannot put out your own sacks for collection. Refuse left either beside or on top of the bin will not be collected.

Households with more than five occupants or that can demonstrate a genuine need, may request an additional bin (subject to assessment).

Properties which cannot accommodate a wheeled bin (such as flats) are supplied with 100 beige council-issue refuse sacks each year.

**Additional refuse?** You can purchase beige refuse sacks from us for times when you may have extra non-recyclable waste. Only council-issue sacks may be put out for collection.



Allow hot ashes to cool before placing in your bin. For the safety of the crew, make sure the lid of your bin is fully closed.

NO THANKS X Garden waste X Items which can be recycled at the kerbside (including food waste) X Liquids (i.e. paint, oil) X Trade waste (even if you operate a business from home) X Building waste, rubble, soil or plasterboard

#### **Need more information?**



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