

Simpler Recycling Guidance



Everything you need to know.

New 'Simpler Recycling' guidance has been introduced by the Government's Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), with the aim of supporting the circular economy and streamlining the way that household and business waste can be approached across England.

What's changing?

Effective from 31st March 2025, all organisations in England with more than 10 employees must always separate:

- Black Bin Waste
- Dry Recyclable Waste
- Food Waste

and arrange separate collections for these waste streams.

The Timeline

The legislation will be introduced in stages between 2025 and 2027.

Phase 1 31st March 2025 Businesses with more than 10 employees Phase 2 31st March 2026 Households Phase 3 31st March 2027 Businesses with less than 10 employees

Types of Recyclable Waste:









Plastic

Such as rinsed empty food containers and bottles.

Paper and Cardboard

Such as old newspapers, envelopes, delivery boxes and packaging.

Metal

Such as drinks cans and rinsed empty food tins, empty aerosols, aluminium foil, aluminium food trays and tubes.





Food Waste is:

Food Leftovers

Cooked meals, raw ingredients, bakery items, dairy products, and fruit or vegetable scraps.

Food Preparation Items

Waste generated by preparing food (of any volume, including if the workplace does not serve food or have a canteen).

How we'll make compliance easier.

1 Assess

Book your free waste audit with us to evaluate your business waste needs and identify steps to compliance.

2 Implement

We help you put the necessary measures in place.

3 Educate

Once changes are made, we ensure you have resources to educate staff & visitors.



Book your free, no-obligation waste audit today.

Our Colour Coded Bins:



General Waste

Black bin waste.







360L

660L

1100L



Mixed Recycling

Clean cardboard & paper metals and plastics.



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Food Waste

Food preparation and leftover food waste.



240L



Glass

Glass bottles, jars and containers.



240L

Internal Bins

A workplace bin in each colour to help separate waste easily into each waste stream.









H 602mm x W 393mm x D 335mm