

Waste less Recycle more

All you
need to
know about
recycling



Changes to waste and recycling services

Around 70% of the waste we produce in Aberdeenshire is recyclable using our existing recycling services, however in 2018 we only managed to recycle around 43%.

To maximise recycling, we are changing how often your bins are emptied, moving to a 3-weekly collection cycle.

This means that one bin and a food waste caddy is emptied every week as follows:

- **Week 1:** Food waste caddy and non-recyclable waste bin
- **Week 2:** Food waste caddy and blue recycling bin
- **Week 3:** Food waste caddy and blue recycling bin

The materials that can be recycled at the kerbside remain the same, the only difference is that we empty your recycling bin more often (twice every three weeks).

This new kerbside service starts in 2020 - we will contact you by post before we change your service.

For more information:

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste

waste@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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 Recycling and Waste Aberdeenshire

Could you recycle more?

Here's what goes in a typical non-recyclable waste bin in Aberdeenshire at the moment - **over half could be recycled if sorted correctly:**



Food caddies



Yes

- ✓ ALL cooked and uncooked food waste
- ✓ Leftovers and plate scrapings
- ✓ Peelings
- ✓ Out of date food (unpackaged)
- ✓ Pasta, bread, cereal and pastries
- ✓ Meat, fish, bones, eggs and shells
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds

No

- ✗ Liquids or oils
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Food packaging

Need more liners?

Simply tie an unused liner to your outdoor caddy handle and we will leave a new supply on your next collection day.



1 Put any cooked or uncooked food waste into your indoor caddy.



2 When the liner is almost full, tie and remove it. Replace with a new liner.



3 Place the full liner into your outdoor caddy.



4 Place your outdoor caddy at the kerbside on your collection day and we will empty it.

Blue-lidded bin



Yes

Plastics - rinsed and squashed

- ✓ All plastic bottles
- ✓ Pots, tubs and trays

Metals - emptied and rinsed

- ✓ Tins and cans
- ✓ Empty aerosols
- ✓ Biscuit or sweet tins
- ✓ Aluminium foil and trays (clean)

Cartons - rinsed and squashed

- ✓ Drink and food cartons



Yes

Paper - clean and dry

- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Brochures and catalogues
- ✓ Junk mail, letters and envelopes (with or without windows)
- ✓ Shredded paper

Card & cardboard - flattened

- ✓ Large and small cardboard boxes - for example, cereal, detergent and packaging
- ✓ Toilet and kitchen roll tubes
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard

No

- ✗ Oil or paint tins
- ✗ Items contaminated with food
- ✗ Plastic bags, liners or film
- ✗ Expanded polystyrene packaging or foam trays
- ✗ Metallic wrapping paper
- ✗ Glass
- ✗ Crisp bags and biscuit wrappers



- 1 Rinse your plastic bottles, tins, cans and cartons.



Bottle tops can be put back on - there is no need to remove labels.

- 2 Squash your plastic bottles and cartons, and flatten cardboard - this helps to save space in your bin.



- 3 Place your plastics, metals, cartons, paper, card and cardboard in your blue-lidded bin loose - do not use plastic bags.



- 4 Place your blue-lidded bin at the kerbside on your collection day and we will empty it.

Please recycle your glass bottles and jars at your local recycling point - no glass should be placed in your blue-lidded bin.

Glass and textiles



You can recycle glass and textiles at your local recycling point - find out where your nearest one is by visiting aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste

Lids and tops can be put back on - there is no need to remove labels.



1 Rinse your glass jars to remove any food residue.



2 Recycle glass bottles and jars at your local recycling point or centre.



1 Tie shoes in pairs and place items in a plastic bag.



2 Recycle clothes, shoes, bags, belts, towels and bed linen at your local recycling point. Other types of textiles can be taken to charity shops.

Household batteries



If you need more battery bags, attach an empty battery bag to any bin and we will leave you a new supply. Please **do not** leave out loose batteries - always use a bag.



1 Place your household batteries, including mobile phone and laptop batteries, in the battery recycling bag.



2 Leave the bag on top of either your non-recyclable waste or blue-lidded recycling bin on your collection day.

Home composting

You can buy up to two discounted home composting bins per household to help you recycle your garden waste at home. A standard 320 litre compost bin suitable for most households costs £20 and an extra large 800 litre compost bin costs £35.

To order please email waste@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or call **03456 081207**.

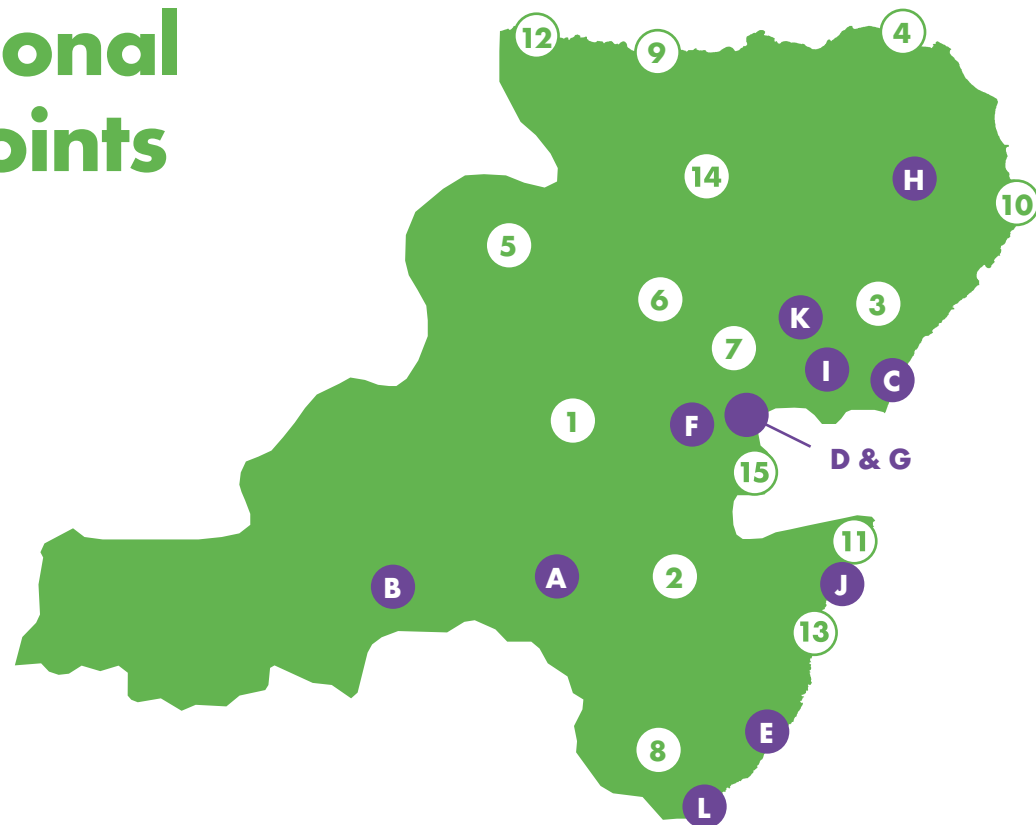
Recycling centres and seasonal garden waste collection points

Recycling centres are located across Aberdeenshire - for address details, opening hours and materials that can be recycled please visit aberdeenshire.gov.uk/waste

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| ① Alford | ⑥ Inch | ⑪ Portlethen |
| ② Banchory | ⑦ Inverurie | ⑫ Portsoy |
| ③ Ellon | ⑧ Laurencekirk | ⑬ Stonehaven |
| ④ Fraserburgh | ⑨ Macduff | ⑭ Turriff |
| ⑤ Huntly | ⑩ Peterhead | ⑮ Westhill |

You can take the following materials to recycling centres - materials vary by centre so please check the website before making the journey:

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| ✓ Batteries (household) | ✓ Garden waste | ✓ Textiles (clothes and shoes, bags, belts, towels and bed linen) |
| ✓ Batteries (car) | ✓ Gas cylinders | ✓ Wood (including treated) |
| ✓ Blue bin recycling | ✓ Glass bottles and jars | ✓ Re-use (furniture and household goods) |
| ✓ Cooking oil | ✓ Plasterboard | ✓ Non-recyclable waste |
| ✓ Electrical appliances | ✓ Rubble and ceramics | |
| ✓ Engine oil | ✓ Scrap metal | |
| ✓ Fluorescent tubes (including energy saving bulbs) | ✓ Soil and turf | |



Seasonal garden waste collection points are open every Saturday from the start of April to the end of October - times vary, please check our website for details.

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| ① Aboyne | ⑤ Inverbervie | ⑨ Newmachar |
| ② Ballater | ⑥ Kemnay | ⑩ Newtonhill |
| ③ Balmedie | ⑦ Kintore | ⑪ Oldmeldrum |
| ④ Blackburn | ⑧ Mintlaw | ⑫ St Cyrus |

For operational reasons the seasonal garden waste points are for small quantities of garden waste only. Please take larger items and trailer loads of loose garden waste to your local recycling centre.

Need anything else?

Additional non-recyclable waste bin

Any household can request an extra bin. An assessment is required to check that you are using the recycling services (including food waste) and meet the criteria for additional non-recyclable waste bins. You will also need to pay a delivery charge.

Additional blue-lidded recycling bin

Additional recycling bins are available free of charge.

Additional food waste caddy

You can collect food waste caddies free of charge from a recycling centre.

Assisted collections

If there is nobody at your house who is able to put your bin out for collection, we can provide an assisted collection service.

Bulky uplift

We provide a collection service for items which, due to their sheer size, do not fit into wheeled bins. This is a chargeable service and cannot be used for bags of waste or recycling. If you have large items that are still in good condition, you can have them collected by the Re-use Line, see reuseline.com for more information.

Strap to keep bin lid shut

In many areas, recycling bins already have a strap over the lid to keep them closed, in case bins topple over in the wind. You can collect a strap free of charge from a recycling centre or service point.

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