

# Tackling the **climate** and **nature emergency**



- **How to recycle more**
- **How to use your recycling  
and rubbish collection**

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**Bath & North East  
Somerset Council**

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# Recycling

**Recycling, including food waste and cardboard is collected every week. Garden Waste is collected every other week.**

**When?** By 6am on your collection day or after 8pm the previous evening.

**Where?** At the front edge of your property—but make sure they do not obstruct the pavement or walkway.

## Yes please ✓



- Place good quality (no rips or stains), clean, dry clothes, sheets, blankets, shoes and accessories in a tied plastic bag (not in a charity bag) to keep them dry (no pillows or duvets thanks)
- No loose batteries – please put in a tied plastic bag on top of your green box so they don't get mixed up with paper (which can cause a fire)
- Place small electrical items in an untied plastic carrier bag next to your green box

## No thanks ✗

- Black plastic
- Polystyrene
- Plastic film such as cling film, bubble wrap or cellophane.
- Hard plastics such as toys or plant pots
- Broken glass, pyrex, drinking glasses, light bulbs or window glass

All containers must be brought back onto the property as soon as possible after collection and not remain on the pavements.

## How should I sort my green box(es)?

If you have space to store two boxes, please sort your recycling into two boxes like below:



**Box 1:** Tins, cans, aerosols, plastic and foil. These items can be mixed together as they are later separated by magnets in the recycling process.

**Box 2:** Glass, paper as well as materials you may recycle occasionally like; bagged textiles and small electrical appliances. Please ensure all items are separated in this box.



If you only have room for one recycling box, try to separate the materials into groups within the box.

One easy way to do this is to use your green box lid or a piece of card as a divide.

On one side place tins, cans, aerosols, plastics and foil—you can mix these items together.

On the other side place paper and glass separately—these need to be kept apart as they are hand sorted by our crew.

**Please remember to remove the lid before collections and place it on top of your box.**

For shared properties we recommend 2+ green recycling boxes.

Order free recycling containers at [www.bathnes.gov.uk/orderacontainer](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/orderacontainer)

## Food Waste



### ***Yes please***

All cooked and non-cooked food waste including; left over food scrapings, bones, tea bags and coffee grounds

### ***No thanks***

No liquids, cutlery, trays or plates

Use your small council issued kitchen caddy to store and carry food waste to your black food waste bin.

You can line your caddy with newspapers or any plastic bag such as your bread loaf bags, (not a bag for life or black bags) to keep your caddy clean.

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## Blue Bag



### ***Yes please***

- ✓ Cardboard packaging
- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Egg cartons
- ✓ Food and drink cartons
- ✓ Toilet roll tubes
- ✓ Tetra Pak cartons

### ***No thanks***

- Polystyrene
- Tape
- Plastic film
- Bubble wrap

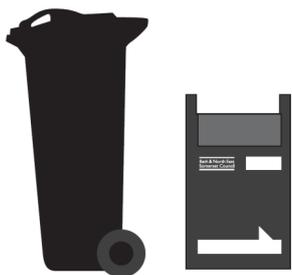
**Flatten, cut or fold your cardboard so that it's no bigger than 45cm square**

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## Garden Waste

To find out more about our pre-paid garden waste collections please visit the council website at [www.bathnes.gov.uk/garden-waste](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/garden-waste)

## Using your rubbish bin or re-useable rubbish bag



Please only use your rubbish bin or re-useable rubbish bag for items you can't recycle.

### **Rubbish collections are fortnightly**

To download your annual collection day calendar, please visit the council website at

[www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/waste/collectionday/](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/waste/collectionday/)

### ***Yes Please***

Any items you can't recycle such as:

- ✓ Black plastic, plastic film and other plastic you can't put in your green box
- ✓ Nappies and sanitary waste
- ✓ Dog waste
- ✓ Pet litter

**Failure to present your waste correctly can result in fines being issued**

### ***No thanks***

**NO food waste – use your food recycling bin**

**NO recycling**

**NO garden waste – (compost at home or take it for free to our Recycling Centres)**

**NO hazardous waste or liquid paint – check if you can take to our Recycling Centres**

**NO hot ashes – let them cool**

- ✓ We only collect what is in your bin or reusable rubbish bag – we will not collect extra rubbish bags next to or on top of your bin or re-usable rubbish bag
- ✓ Your bin lid must be fully closed for collection
- ✓ Do not put loose rubbish into your reusable rubbish bag – put your rubbish into tied black plastic rubbish sacks first and then place in your bag so they can be removed by our crew in one lift

- ✓ Do not hang or leave your re-usable rubbish bag on railings
- ✓ Do not put out large or hazardous items – you can take these to our Recycling Centres
- ✓ Wrap sharp items or broken glass thoroughly before placing in your rubbish to prevent injury

# Important information—please read

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## How to avoid fines

You can play your part in keeping our communities clean and litter-free by making sure you use your rubbish container correctly. Wheeled bins and re-usable bags will help prevent bags of rubbish from being ripped open and the contents strewn across our streets, by gulls and other animals.

We can issue a fixed penalty fine of £60 if you do not put out your recycling and rubbish correctly.

The Council has the authority to specify how, where, when and what we will collect from households. Please read the information below.

### Environmental Protection Act Section 46 Notice

Bath and North East Somerset Council as your waste collection authority (as defined in the Environmental Protection Act 1990) is under a duty to arrange for the collection of household waste from properties in its area.

#### 1. NOTICE

THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE served by Bath and North East Somerset Council ('the Council') pursuant to Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 ('the Act') requiring you as occupier of premises ('the Premises') in the

Council's area to place correctly any household waste for collection from those premises in the receptacles described in the Schedule ('the Schedule') and further requires you as occupier of the Premises to comply with the conditions set out in the Schedule. The Schedule is the information contained within pages 2-7 of this leaflet.

#### 2. WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU FAIL TO COMPLY

If you fail without reasonable excuse to comply with any requirements specified in this Notice and this gives rise to nuisance or detriment to amenity you will:

(a) Be issued with a Notice in accordance with the provisions of Section 46A of the Act (as amended), specifying the breach and the nuisance or detriment caused and:

(b) If the breach is not rectified, you may be issued with a fixed penalty, following notice of intent, in the sum of £60.

Your attention is also drawn to Section 46 (11) of the Act which states that: 'A waste collection authority is not obliged to collect household waste that is placed for collection in contravention of a requirement under this section'. This means that if you do not comply with the requirements of this Notice the Council shall be entitled to refuse to collect your waste. To appeal this Notice, please use the Council's complaint procedure

**[www.bathnes.gov.uk/complaints](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/complaints)**

**If you need this leaflet in an alternative format please contact us.**

## Find out more

For general information about our services please visit the council website at

**[www.bathnes.gov.uk/wasteservices](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/wasteservices)**



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