

Waste Guide

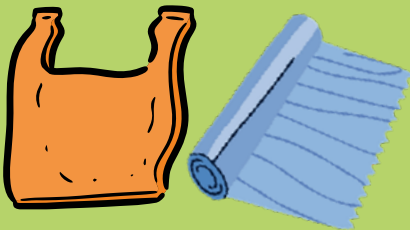
(Almost) Everything You need to know about how to manage your waste effectively in West Suffolk.



Recycling guide for your blue recycling bin

Only these items in your recycling bin and nothing else. **No bagged items.** Other items will cause contamination reducing the quality of recycling and your bin will not be emptied.

Plastics



Plastic films



Plastic pots, tubs, trays and bottles



Tetra pak cartons

Metals



Aluminium foil and trays, rolled into a ball



Food and drink cans

Glass



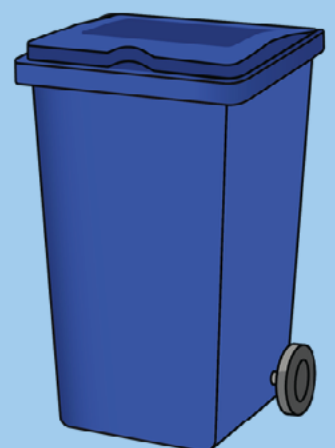
Glass bottles with cap



Glass jars including lids

All items must be:

- clean
- dry
- loose
- bigger than 4cm



Recycling guide for your green-lidded recycling bin and grey food caddy

Only these items in your recycling bin and caddies, nothing else. Other items will cause contamination, reducing the quality of recycling and your bin will not be emptied.

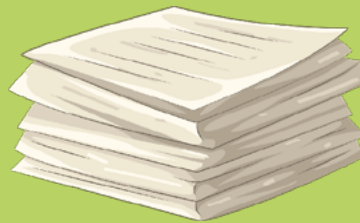
Paper and card



Cardboard

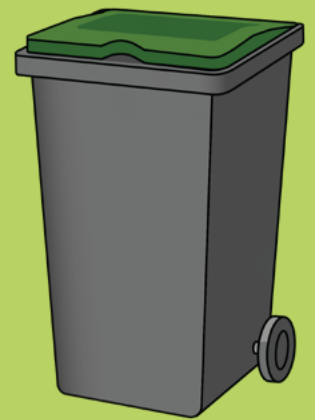


Books



Paper

(including shredded)



All items must be clean, dry, and loose.

Food Waste



Scrapings
(including bones)



Meat and
fish



Fruit and
vegetables



Tea bags and
coffee grounds



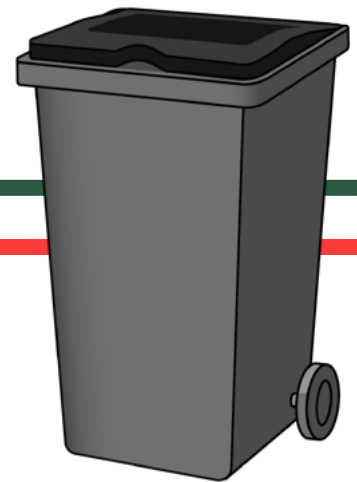
Whilst you don't have to line the caddy, doing so will keep it cleaner and will be easier to transfer the food waste to the larger caddy. You can use a range of plastic bags, such as an old bread bag or a carrier bag. **Please do not use black rubbish bags.**

General waste bin

You should use your rubbish bin for anything that doesn't go in your recycling bins or food waste caddy.

Yes please

- all non recyclable waste
- disposable nappies
- animal waste or bedding
- polystyrene
- broken crockery
- food pouches
- vacuum dust and sweepings
- broken toys



No thanks

- any clean items that can be recycled (use blue or green-lidded bin for these)
- garden waste
- rubble, brick and stones
- gas canisters
- textiles
- batteries and electrical items
- hazardous waste
- large non-recyclable items
- business waste



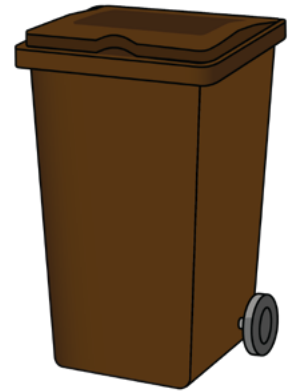
Garden waste bin

Manage garden waste with ease

We operate a subscription based garden waste collection service. It is a convenient and hassle free way to dispose of your garden waste.

Not going to fill the bin up frequently? Why not team up with a neighbour and be bin buddies.

To find out the cost of this service and full terms and conditions please visit: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/gardenwaste



Presentation and storage of wheeled bins

Help us to help you manage your waste.

- Store your bins on **your own property** on non-collection days.
- Put your **house number or name and street name** on your bin, this helps to ensure that bins are not missed by our crews.
- On collection day place your bins on the kerbside, but **take care not to obstruct any roads or paths**.
- Remember to put your bins out by **6.00am**.
- Take your bins back on to your property as soon as possible after collection.
- Waste should only be contained in your bins. Wet waste will not be collected. Large cardboard boxes can be left next to the bin but will only be collected if it's clean and dry. Any additional waste needs to be taken to a recycling centre.
- **Rinse and squash** your cans and plastic bottles to save more room in your recycling bin.

Visit [Find my nearest](#) to find your collection day.

More recycling options

Bottle banks

Did you know that glass bottles could be back on the shelves in 30 days?

We recycle **70%** of our glass in Suffolk but we could still do a little bit more to give glass bottles and jars a new lease of life!



Find your nearest bottle bank: www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recyclingcomposting/glass-textiles-and-electricals/glass

You can recycle glass bottles and jars without any loss of quality, so it doesn't make sense to let this valuable resource go to waste. In Suffolk we also accept bottles in our blue recycling bins.

Recycling Glass

Glass has a vital role to play in helping us make more sustainable packaging choices. It is the perfect material for recycling as it can be recycled again and again without ever losing its quality and is 100% recyclable.



Glass is easy to recycle



Textile banks

There are textile banks across the county where you can dispose unwanted clothing.

Make sure the hatch is not blocked by putting textiles in small bags. If the bank is full, please find an alternative bank to dispose.

To find your nearest bank and other ways to love your clothes, visit:

www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-reuse/textiles



Charity shops

Donating and buying re-usable items from local charity shops is a great way to avoid things going to waste.

You can donate at all of Suffolk's recycling centres in the re-use container or you can take them to a charity shop.

Local charity shops are at the heart of the community.

Find out where your item can be taken:

<https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reduce-reuse>



Recycling centres

Across West Suffolk there are a number of sites where you can recycle a wide range of materials including:

- electrical items
- batteries
- engine oil
- cooking oil
- carpets
- wood
- furniture and many more



For a full list, locations and opening times visit:

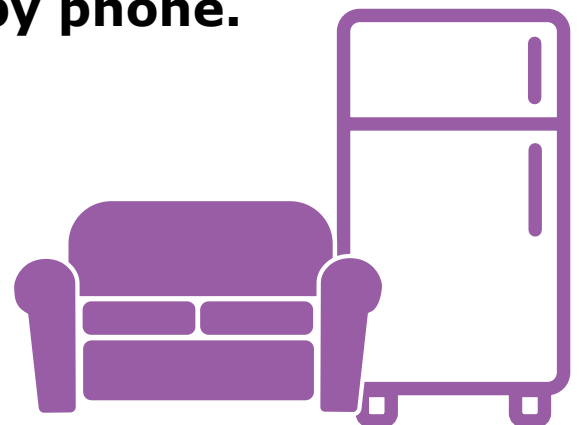
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There are 18 Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) bins across the West Suffolk for residents to recycle their electricals. The bins can be filled with small electricals including mobile phones, tablets, cables, kettles, toasters and kids toys, anything smaller than a standard sized microwave. You can view all bin locations here: <https://maps.westsuffolk.gov.uk/>

Bulky waste collections

You can request a bulky waste collection from us by getting in touch online or by phone.

There is a minimum nonrefundable charge which covers up to five items. We use an appointment system and you will be given a collection day.



Please visit: <https://www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/bulky-waste>

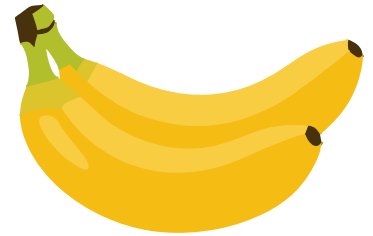
for details and full terms and conditions.

Waste reduction campaigns #FoodSavvy

This campaign is designed to help households cut food waste.

It gives you savvy tips on shopping, meal planning, recipes and how to use leftovers to avoid throwing it away.

www.foodsavvy.org.uk



Food Waste Caddies

Caddies have been introduced to separate food waste from other recycling and rubbish.

The smaller caddy is to store your food waste inside the home. The food waste can then be transferred to the larger caddy, kept outside and used for collection.



Home composting

The Suffolk Waste Partnership have launched a great scheme which gives Suffolk residents the chance to buy home composting bins for a reduced price.

Home composting is an environmentally friendly way to dispose of your green waste, and if you have kids it provides a great way to learn about micro organisms.

It also offers courses where keen gardeners can learn the 'science' of composting and become Master Composters.



Find out more: www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/recycling-composting/composting

Cloth nappies

Cloth nappies are cheaper, easy to use and a more environmentally friendly alternative to disposable nappies.

To find out about the benefits and how you can try them, go to: www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk/reducereuse/cloth-nappies



Volunteer with us!

Love where you live is about putting you in the driving seat to improve your local environment and get to know your community.

Whether you want to volunteer as an individual or organise an event at a school or the company you work for there are many ways that you can be involved.

We'll provide you with an essential kit to get you started. Find out the details and how to sign up: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/lwyl



If you have a good story or picture you want to share with us you can send it to: volunteers@westsuffolk.gov.uk

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