

2017

# Recycle more

A summary of your Council's recycling and waste services



## Thank you for helping us to recycle nearly 53% of the waste we collected from your homes last year.

Bath and North East Somerset has a strong record when it comes to recycling – but we can still do even better. The average black bin bag put out by residents is more than half filled with items that you can still recycle, such as food, which often results in ripped bags spilling and making a mess in our streets. In total, more than 70% of household waste can be recycled, meaning there is still more we can all do to recycle more.

Collecting and sending your rubbish to landfill or specialised treatment is much more expensive than recycling it and also is not so good for the environment.

Everything we collect for recycling is valuable and made into new things including food waste – if we recycled all our food waste in Bath and North East Somerset we could create enough electricity to power 1,140 homes for a year.

## Putting your recycling and rubbish out for collection

### You must

- Put your recycling and rubbish out **by 7am on your collection day** but not before 8pm the previous night
- Put your containers at the front edge of your property where they can be easily seen
- Bring your containers back in on your collection day

The council has powers to warn and fine people who do not present their waste properly.



## Changes to your recycling and rubbish collection autumn 2017



From autumn 2017 we will be making some changes to your recycling and rubbish collection service to:

- ensure the service is affordable
- keep our streets cleaner
- increase recycling.

In order to better protect rubbish from gulls and other animals, we will provide wheeled bins for rubbish to suitable properties in Bath and North East Somerset, which will be collected every other week. We recognise that 'one size does not fit all' so we will provide alternatives for properties unsuitable for this arrangement.

Look out for a personalised letter to your home, delivered in the spring, to let you know how the changes will affect you. You can find out more about the changes at **[www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycle](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/recycle)** and we are updating the details as our plans are confirmed.

We will be offering advice and support to help you with the changes through roadshows, home visits and leaflets throughout 2017.

# Recycling and food waste collection

Make the most of our weekly recycling collection service and recycle all you can. You can now order your recycling containers online [www.bathnes.gov.uk/orderacontainer](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/orderacontainer)

- **Food recycling – all food waste**

(Including cooked food, meat, fish and bones). You can put your food in plastic bags, newspaper or compostable liners. Your food is recycled into electricity and biofuel.

- **Paper**

- **Plastic packaging** (any plastic bottle, plus pots, tubs and trays used to hold food). No black plastic.

- **Glass bottles and jars** (no broken glass)

- **Cans, tins and aerosols**

- **Foil**

- **Clothes, shoes and accessories**

- **Small electrical appliances**

- **Batteries, mobile phones, printer cartridges, spectacles, engine oil and car batteries**

- **Cardboard, brown paper and cardboard drinks cartons**  
(Please put in your blue bag, separately from the paper).



## Garden waste collection – every other week

You can subscribe to our chargeable wheeled bin collection service or you can buy Council paper sacks.



## Rubbish collection

Your weekly rubbish collection is only for things that you can't recycle.

# Recycling Centres

- Bath – Midland Road BA1 3AT
- Keynsham – Pixash Lane BS31 1TP
- Midsomer Norton – Wheelers Hill, Old Welton BA3 2AA

Check our website for opening times  
[www.bathnes.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/recyclingcentres)

You can bring larger household items to our Recycling Centres for recycling or disposal. You can also arrange to have larger items collected from your home, for a charge (see our website). Please contact Council Connect to book.

<b>Must be booked with Council Connect 24 hours in advance</b>	 <b>asbestos</b>	 household & garden chemicals	 gas bottles	 furniture	 bric-a-brac	 cooking oil	 paint		
 household waste	 food waste	 garden waste	 anything you recycle in your green box	 electrical	 fluorescent tubes	 tvs & monitors	 fridges & freezers	 cardboard	 bicycles
 tyres	 scrap metal	 plasterboard	 wood & timber	 hardcore & rubble	 soil	<b>Recycling Centres are provided for residents to dispose of their household waste only. Business waste is not accepted.</b>			

## Permits

You need a free electronic permit to use our Recycling Centres – please see our website for details of resident's permits and van and trailer permits.



## Find out more

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

 [Councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:Councilconnect@bathnes.gov.uk)

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When you have finished with this item please recycle it

