Dear Resident

Please use this booklet as a guide to your kerbside recycling service.

With your help we can recycle more and reduce the amount of waste being sent to landfill.

Thank you for your household’s participation in the Council’s waste and recycling services.

Yours faithfully
Waste Services Team

Your waste & recycling bins

Blue-lidded bin: Recycling
Brown-lidded bin: Food & chargeable garden waste
Green-lidded bin: Non-recyclable waste

Food & drinks cartons now included
Permit required for garden waste

To check your collection dates, please visit our website:  
www.pkcgov.uk/recycle
Too good to waste

Did you know **45% of material** collected in the green-lidded bin and sent for disposal **could have been recycled** in your blue and brown-lidded bins?

An average green-lidded bin in Perth and Kinross still contains materials that could be recycled at the kerbside:

It costs Perth & Kinross Council **over £1 million** in charges to dispose of materials that could have been recycled.

You can help by recycling **all** of these materials in your blue-lidded and brown-lidded bins.
Blue-lidded bin

Only for paper, card, cartons, cans, plastics

Collected every TWO WEEKS

1 Collect and prepare your materials for recycling.

2 Rinse your tins, cans and food & drinks containers.

3 Flatten card and plastics. Place bottle tops back on to flattened bottles.

Paper
✓ Newspapers & magazines
✓ Office paper
✓ Directories & books
✓ Envelopes (including windowed envelopes)
✓ Unwanted mail
✓ Shredded paper
✓ Gift wrap (non-metallic)

Cardboard
✓ Food & drinks cartons eg Tetra Pak ®
✓ Cardboard packaging
✓ Ready meal sleeves
✓ Toilet & kitchen roll tubes
✓ Cardboard egg cartons
✓ Greetings cards

Plastic
✓ Tubs, yoghurt pots
✓ Detergent bottles
✓ Plastic sauce bottles
✓ Gift wrap (non-metallic)
Flatten card and plastics. Place bottle tops back on to flattened bottles.

4 Put your paper, card, tins, cans, plastic bottles & containers **loose** in your blue-lidded bin.

5 Put your blue-lidded bin at the kerbside by 7.30 am on your collection day.

**Plastic Bottles & Containers**
- Food trays & punnets
- Yoghurt pots
- Dry goods bottles
- Plastic drinks bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Plastic sauce bottles
- Bottles tops

**Tins & Cans**
- Aerosol cans
- Biscuit tins
- Sweets tins
- Food tins
- Drinks cans
- Pet food cans
- Metal jar lids

**NO**
- Glass
- Black sacks
- Nappies
- Plastic film or bags
- Food contaminated packaging
- Foil packaging
- Polystyrene
Brown-lidded bin

Only for food waste and chargeable garden waste

Collected every TWO WEEKS

1. Line your kitchen caddy with a compostable liner, newspaper or place your food in loose.

2. Transfer all cooked and uncooked food waste into the kitchen caddy. Remember to remove food from packaging.

3. When the caddy is nearly full, empty the contents into your brown-lidded bin.

Food Waste
- All cooked & uncooked food
- Dairy & eggs - including shells
- Meat, fish & bones
- Tea bags & coffee grounds
- Fruit & vegetables
- Bread, cakes & pastries
- Rice & pasta

Garden Waste
- Grass cuttings
- Leaves
- Weeds & clippings
- Small twigs & branches
- Sawdust, bark & hay
- Cut flowers & houseplants

NO
- Dog waste
- Food packaging
- Plastic bags
- Soil, rubble or stones
- Large branches or logs
- Liquids or oils

YES ✓

With Garden Waste Permit
When the caddy is nearly full, empty the contents into your brown-lidded bin.

To recycle garden waste, householders must first register and pay for a Garden Waste Permit at www.pkc.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

If you have a Garden Waste Permit, collect your garden waste and place in your brown-lidded bin together with your food waste.

Put your brown-lidded bin at the kerbside by 7.30 am on your collection day.

You can recycle all cooked and uncooked food waste without a permit. If you need a replacement kitchen caddy, you can pick one up at your local Council office or library.
Green-lidded bin
Only for non-recyclable waste
Collected every TWO WEEKS

1 Only materials that cannot be recycled should be disposed of in your green-lidded bin.

2 Place waste in your bin and ensure your lid is fully closed.

3 Put your green-lidded bin at the kerbside by 7.30 am on your collection day.

- You should only use your slimline green-lidded bin for materials that cannot be recycled.

- Households generating unavoidable non-recyclable waste and making full use of the recycling service may be eligible for additional capacity. Details of criteria and application form available at www.pkc.gov.uk/secondbins. Please note that evidence will be required in support of applications and waste may be subject to an audit.
How to present your bin

Your waste and recycling wheeled bins will only be emptied if they are presented correctly.

- Place your bin at the kerbside or agreed location by 7.30 am on the morning of your collection.
- Return your bin to your property as soon as possible after it has been emptied.
- Do not overfill your bin and ensure that the lid is fully closed.
- Your bin will not be emptied if it is too heavy to be safely moved.
- Do not leave excess waste on top of or at the side of your bin as neither will be collected.
Glass bottles & jars

Please recycle all of your glass bottles and jars using the glass Recycling Points located throughout Perth and Kinross.

1 Collect your glass bottles & jars
2 Rinse items and remove bottle tops
3 Recycle your bottles & jars at the Recycling Point

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YES ✓
- Wine, beer, cider & spirit bottles
- Soft drinks bottles
- Cooking sauce jars
- Oil & vinegar bottles
- Coffee & jam jars
- Baby food jars

NO ✗
- Pyrex
- Mirror or window glass
- Crockery or drinking glasses
- Corks or lids
- Lightbulbs
- Fragrance bottles
Recycling Points

You can recycle a range of materials at conveniently located Recycling Points across Perth and Kinross. This includes:

- Glass bottles & jars
- Textiles & shoes

To find out where your nearest Recycling Points are located and what you can recycle please visit www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle

Recycling Centres

There are a number of Recycling Centres throughout Perth and Kinross where you can recycle a wider range of materials including:

- Glass bottles & jars
- Textiles & shoes
- Electrical & electronic equipment (EEE)
- Bulky household items
- Soil, stones, rubble & timber
- Garden waste

Householders can also dispose of non-recyclable waste free of charge at these Recycling Centres.

To find your local Recycling Centre opening times please visit www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: Can I have an additional recycling bin?**  
A: Yes. If you need an extra blue-lidded or brown-lidded recycling bin (up to a maximum of two of each per household) please contact us using the details below.

**Q: What do I do with my garden waste if I do not sign up to the permit?**  
A: Householders will be able to dispose of their garden waste at their local Recycling Centre free of charge. Another way to dispose of garden waste is to compost at home. Visit www.pkc.gov.uk/composting to find out more information.

**Q: If I don’t have enough space in my new slimline bin what can I do?**  
A: If you are recycling as much as possible and you have a large household, two or more children in nappies or generate non-recyclable healthcare waste, you can apply for a second slimline bin by completing an online application at www.pkc.gov.uk/secondbins or by contacting us using the details below.

For further support and information, or to check your bin collection dates, please contact:  
📞 01738 476476  📧 recycle@pkc.gov.uk  
🌐 www.pkc.gov.uk/recycle

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