

### 1. Which types of plastics are accepted?

There are **three types of plastic** we currently collect for recycling. To remember which types these are, is as simple as 1 2 3! Check the plastic item you have for one of the symbols shown below.



**PET** – Polyethylene terephthalate - Fizzy drink bottles and oven-ready meal trays.



**HDPE** – High-density polyethylene - Bottles for milk and washing-up liquids.



**PVC** – Polyvinyl chloride - Food trays, bottles for squash, mineral water and shampoo.

If one of these symbols is visible then the item can be placed in your recycling bin or green box for collection.

If the symbol contains another number or no symbol at all then please place it in your **grey refuse bin** as unfortunately we are unable to recycle such material at this time.

#### Save space in your recycling bin!

Please remember to **remove the tops and squash plastic bottles** before placing them in your bin or box for recycling collection.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 2. What happens to the waste that is put in the recycling bin or green box?

It is taken to a **Materials Recovery Facility**, where it is sorted into the different materials and sent to various reprocessors for recycling. All recyclable material collected will be recycled or reused in one form or another.

### 3. Why can't black plastic sacks go into my recycling bin?

Only clear plastic sacks are allowed as this enables the staff at the Materials Recycling Facility to see that the contents are safe for recycling

### 4. Where can I recycle clothing and textiles?

These can be recycled at clothing banks, in mini recycling centres or taken to your favorite charity shop

If you have any questions or queries relating to the refuse and recycling collections please call the **Freephone Helpline** on **0800 3896613**

### The Law and How it Affects You

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990

##### Statutory Notice

Under powers contained in Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Huntingdonshire District Council, acting in its capacity as the Statutory Waste Collection Authority for the District, has specified that it will provide waste and recycling collection services to residents of the district in the following manner:-

1. The Council will collect waste set out for collection only in the containers provided by the Council to residents for that purpose.
2. Waste containers must be made available for collection by 6.30am on the day of collection.
3. Waste containers must not be placed out before 6.00pm on the day before the collection.
4. The point of collection will be 'edge of premise', which is defined as the point where individual properties meet the adopted public highway.
5. Wheeled bins should be removed from the highway and returned to premises by the resident as soon as reasonably possible after collections have been made.
6. Unless otherwise specifically agreed as part of the service, only waste fully contained in the containers provided will be collected. Excess waste will not be collected.
7. Materials for recycling that are found to be contaminated with other waste materials will not be collected.

Recycling and Refuse Collection Service Guide

- The **green garden waste bin** and the **grey domestic waste bin** are collected on alternate weeks.

- **Dry recyclable** materials are collected **fortnightly**.

- Please contact the free phone helpline on **0800 3896613** to find out your **collection days**.

- Ensure that the **correct wheeled bin** is out by **6.30am** on the day of collection.

- Please place your wheeled bin at the **edge of your property** on collection day.

- Please **return your wheeled bin onto your property** as soon after collection as possible.

- Make sure you **do not overfill** your wheeled bin. If your bin is **too heavy** to move, it will **not be emptied**.

If you have any questions or queries relating to the **refuse** and **recycling** collections please call the **Freephone Helpline** on **0800 3896613** or visit **www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk**

## IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER



## RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE GUIDE

REDUCE

REUSE

RECYCLE



Recycling & Refuse  
Freephone Helpline  
**0800 3896613**

[www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk](http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk)



## RECYCLING

We collect dry recyclable waste from households in the district using a variety of containers.

Residents can use:

- Wheeled Bins
- Green Boxes
- Clear Sacks



**Dry Recycling** is collected from households **every two weeks**. The list below shows all the materials that can be placed IN the wheeled bin, green box or clear sack for recycling.

- Newspaper & magazines
- Glass - bottles and jars
- Junk mail & flyers
- Envelopes
- Holiday brochures & directories
- Cardboard & packaging card
- Tetra packs (milk, juice and squash cartons)
- Plastic - All bottles (HDPE, PVC, PET - see over for more info)
- Cans, aerosols, tins & foil
- Egg boxes (Cardboard only)
- Biscuit & sweet tins
- Jam jar lids

### NO

- BLACK SACKS
- Clothes and shoes - Please take to charity shops or clothing banks
- Paint tins
- Broken toys or housewares
- Egg boxes (polystyrene & plastic), cling film & polystyrene
- Batteries - Please take to Household Waste Recycling Centres
- Shredded paper or black plastic sacks
- Flower pots, yoghurt pots, or margarine tubs



## COMPOSTING

We collect garden waste from households in the district using wheeled bins.

**Compostable Waste** is collected from households **every two weeks**. The list below shows all the materials that can be placed IN the wheeled bin for composting.

**Garden Waste** including:

- Grass cuttings
- Shredded paper
- Prunings from hedges, shrubs and trees
- Leaves, bark, straw and sawdust
- Untreated wood
- Flowers and weeds
- Windfall



**Kitchen Waste** including:

- Vegetable and fruit peelings
- Dairy products
- Meat
- Fish
- Bones
- All cooked and uncooked food



### NO

- Plastic bags
- Anything that will not rot
- Other domestic refuse



## RUBBISH

Domestic waste is waste from householders which cannot be recycled, composted, reused or disposed of by other means.



- **Avoid buying over packaged goods**
- **Avoid buying disposables** - buy longer lasting items e.g. low energy light bulbs, real cotton nappies
- **Junk mail** - Remove your name from mailing lists contact Mail Preference Service FREEPOST 22, London W1E 7EZ Tel. 0845 703 4599 [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk)

- **Buy refill packs and reuse the original container**



- Unwanted furniture, clothes and books can be **donated to charity shops** - they may collect
- **Use reusable bags** and say No to disposable plastic bags

### NO

- Do not over fill your wheeled bin
- The wheeled bins should not be used for hot ashes, heavy materials or liquids. Contact **0800 3896613** for advice

