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Waste changes

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From April 2026 the government is introducing **Simpler Recycling**, a UK wide initiative to make recycling services more consistent across the country, including weekly food waste collections. Simpler Recycling is designed to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill or incineration. The government has set a national recycling target of 65% that local authorities must meet by 2035.

In Blackpool, the council will also be making local changes to waste and recycling. This includes new and larger bins, moving to a three-weekly bin collection cycle alongside the new weekly food waste collections and more.

We understand that change is not always easy and we are doing everything we can to help residents prepare.

Below is a breakdown of the key information for residents:

Weekly food waste collection

Food waste caddies' delivery

Food caddy delivery is now complete for households on wheeled bin collections. If you haven't received one or yours is missing/broken, please let us know [through our general waste enquiry](#) and a member of the Enveco team will contact you.

Households get:

- A 7 litre kitchen caddy to keep inside
- A 23 litre bin to keep outside
- Two rolls of liners for your indoor caddy - this is enough for two per week

What we can collect

Your food waste collection will be for:

- All uneaten food and plate scrapings
- Baked goods like bread, cakes and pastries
- Dairy products
- Eggs and eggshells
- Fruit and vegetables including raw and cooked vegetables and peelings
- Out-of-date or mouldy food
- Pet food
- Raw and cooked meat or fish, including bones
- Tea bags and coffee grounds

Top tip: Add your house number to your outdoor caddy when it arrives so you know it's yours.

Bin collection point

Food waste caddies will be collected from the **front of your property**, even if the rest of your bins are collected from the back of your

property or you are on an end of alley collection. Please leave it in a prominent position so it can be seen

Three-weekly household waste collection

Blackpool Council moved to a three-weekly collection cycle from w/c 20 April 2026.

This change is a local decision, a proven approach that is already working well in many other areas like ours, to help us become more sustainable and move towards the government-set recycling target.

Up to a third of the average grey bin is made up of food waste which can be recycled if collected separately. By delivering larger, blue and new brown bins to residents on wheeled-bin collections, this also creates more space for household recycling.

New collection schedule

Instead of your bins being collected fortnightly, from April, they will be collected once every three weeks. An example collection could look like this:

Week	Collection type
Week 1	Grey lid bin - general waste
Week 2	Blue lid bin - recycling glass, cans, plastic
Week 3	Brown lid bin - recycling paper and cardboard
Weekly	Outdoor caddy - food waste
Fortnightly	Green lid bin - garden waste (for subscription customers only)

Please note this will vary for residents. Your new waste collection dates are [now available to view online](#).

Odour concerns

We understand that some people may have concerns about smells coming from bins on a three-weekly general waste collection from items such as nappies, cat litter or dog waste.

Double bagging these items or using scented bags which are available in most major supermarkets, as well as ensuring the lid of your bin is closed will eliminate this issue.

Assisted collections

Blackpool Council offers an assisted collection service for residents who struggle to present their bins on their collection day. [Who's eligible and learn more about the process to apply](#).

Changes to bin collection routes and new bin days

With new houses on the map and additional collections building up over the years, our routes needed a review and were updated to make them efficient for the new collection service.

This means many households moved to a different collection day. You can view your bin day:

- Online on our website, [check collection dates using your postcode](#) and house number
- At libraries and customer service drop-ins for those without internet access (we're sure a friend or family member wouldn't mind doing a quick check for you, too)
- Via our Customer First helpline, details can be found on the Contact Us page

Larger blue bins for cans, glass and plastic

Households that currently have a small blue bin for glass, cans and plastics will automatically get a larger blue bin. Old blue bins will be collected and replaced.

Delivery started in November 2025 and will continue over a period of approx. 6 to 9 months.

Residents do not need to take any action. New bins will be delivered automatically.

Once delivered the bin should be used immediately and presented on the usual collection day until April 2026, when the collection frequency will change as outlined above.

Don't have your bigger blue bin yet?

Phase one completed in Spring 2026. Phase two begins w/c 6 July. If you haven't yet received your bigger blue bin, please bear with us whilst we complete the next round of the delivery programme.

The form to request a bigger blue bin is now paused until further notice. Please do not submit or duplicate another request until this function returns.

New brown bin for cardboard/paper recycling

The brown hessian sack service was no longer suitable for most households and was withdrawn when the new waste changes began.

Brown sacks were replaced with a new 240 litre brown wheeled bin, creating more space to collect cardboard and paper.

Households not currently on wheeled-bin collections can see if they live in a [community bin hub area](#), visit the [Household Waste Recycling Centre](#), or see if they are eligible for our [FREE mobile recycling service, Rover](#), to collect household recycling.

Red sack households

Aside from the group we already have on a trial programme, households on red sack collections will remain on this service, as is, for the time being.

Community bin hubs are available to help you recycle more of your household waste.

We are also exploring ways to allow households without wheeled bin collections to recycle food waste at home and will share updates as the programme develops.

Community bin hubs

In October, a trial of community bin hubs was introduced to help households that have sacks instead of bins to recycle easily.

These hubs will provide residents with the full set of recycling services as well as additional general waste disposal. They will also provide communal on-street food waste collections.

They are mainly designed for use by people without wheeled bins; however, residents are welcome to recycle cans, bottles or accepted food packaging when on-the-go.

The community bin hubs **are not** for business or commercial use.

Future plans are proposed to install mini hubs in secondary shopping areas, to service both small businesses and those in

accommodation located above shops/businesses.

[Find out more information about bin hubs](#)



Recycling Bin Hub

Reduction in green waste subscription cost

The subscription-based green waste collection will continue to be fortnightly.

To help more people recycle their garden waste, from April 2026 to 2027 we will be reducing the annual subscription amount from £45 to £30 - a saving of £15

Details of the new rate will be sent to all current subscribers early in 2026 and will be available on the website for new subscriptions.

[Renewals and new subscriptions are now available.](#)

If you have any questions about the rollout out of your new bins please [complete our waste enquiry form](#) and a member of the Enveco team will contact you.

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