

# WHAT CAN I DO TO REDUCE MY WASTE?



## Reduce

- ✓ Be savvy when shopping - make a list so you only buy what you need.
- ✓ Choose unpackaged items where possible, and avoid non-recyclable packaging.
- ✓ If you've got children still in nappies, consider using real nappies rather than disposable ones.



## Reuse

- ✓ If you have something you don't use any more, instead of throwing it away, think about advertising it, offer it to a charity or take it to the Longue Hogue Household Waste Recycling Centre.
- ✓ Take along reusable bottles and cups. Look out for premises displaying the 'Refill' logo, they will be glad to top you up again.



## Recycle

- ✓ Recycle everything that you can, by using the kerbside collections, bring banks and the Longue Hogue Household Waste Recycling Centre.

For more information on waste and recycling services

[gov.gg/recycling](https://gov.gg/recycling) ☎ 231234  
✉ [recycle@gov.gg](mailto:recycle@gov.gg) [f](#) [t](#) [@recycleforgsy](#)



# CHANGING OUR WASTE COLLECTIONS, FOR THE BETTER



**NEW**  
SERVICES START  
**2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
SAVE THE DATE

Your guide to the new  
household waste and  
recycling collections

# Why change?

We are improving the way we manage waste, to make it easier to recycle and encourage households to reduce waste. This will get maximum benefit from the everyday materials we throw away, and reduce our use of valuable natural resources.

## What's changing?

NEW



### Food and glass collections

New collections for food waste and glass are being introduced. There will be no charge for using these services. Food will be collected weekly, while glass will be a fortnightly pick-up, like the blue and clear kerbside bags.



### Kerbside recycling

There will be no change to collections of clear and blue recycling bags. They will continue to be collected once a fortnight, alternating between blue one week and clear the next. Bags will still be provided free of charge.



### General rubbish

Weekly food waste collection and regular pick-ups of glass and other recycling should mean there is a lot less 'other rubbish' left. Black bag/bin collections will therefore become fortnightly to reduce overall collection costs and encourage waste reduction. Some areas of Town will get a weekly collection.

AROUND  
**40%**  
OF HOUSEHOLD  
WASTE IS MADE UP  
OF FOOD WASTE



## New charges – from 2019

A new system of waste charges will be introduced in 2019. This will include a 'pay as you throw' element for general rubbish, which will ensure those who produce the most will pay the most.

Altogether, households will pay on average around £6 per week for all the services and facilities provided. This will cover the costs of dealing with our waste and recycling, and nothing else.

**It is not a new tax**, just a different way of paying. There will be three elements.

**1** There will be an annual bill from your Parish, to cover the cost of your waste and recycling collections.

**2** You will also receive an annual bill from the States, to cover some of the costs of treating and processing your waste and recycling, and the facilities provided. For 2019, this will be £85 per household.

**3** All other treatment and processing costs will be covered by a new 'pay as you throw' charge. This will only apply to general rubbish, and will cost £2.50 for each standard-sized bag you put out for collection. It will be in the form of a label that you buy in shops, and then stick on your bag.

**The new charges will not be introduced until 2019, so you have plenty of time to get used to the new collections. You will receive more information before the new charges come into effect.**



# Keep Guernsey looking great

**Bins and bags everywhere does look unsightly. Please be considerate to others, and your surroundings:-**

- Please do not put out any rubbish or recycling until the evening of your collection night.
- You should normally set out your rubbish and recycling immediately outside your property, or if you have an alternative arrangement only in your current designated collection point.
- Please retrieve your food waste bin and glass recycling bag the morning after your collection.
- If you miss your collection night or cannot wait until the next one, you can take rubbish and other items to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Longue Hougue.
- Do not use public litter bins for your household refuse. You could be liable to pay for its clearance, or even fined for fly-tipping.
- Take responsibility. Don't be tempted to try and find somewhere to dispose of your rubbish hoping it won't be identified. **If you are caught, you may be liable to prosecution and a heavy fine.**
- If in doubt, just ask. You can call your Parish Constables office (number at the front of the phone book) or 231234. That should avoid the risk of any penalties.



# What's my collection night?

Most households will have a single collection night each week. However there will be some exceptions:

- Households in St Sampson will have their blue or clear bag recycling picked up Sunday night, and their other waste picked up on another night.
- If you live in an apartment and have a communal area for waste and recycling, the arrangements may be slightly different. Speak to your management agent or landlord for more details.

**YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTION WILL LOOK LIKE THIS**



Look out for our handy 2018/19 collection calendar, which you will receive in the post shortly. It tells you what night to put out your waste, and which materials are picked up each week.

What goes  
in my  
**BLUE  
BAG**



**PLASTIC, TINS AND CARTONS:**

-  ✓ Plastic bottles, pots and trays
-  ✓ Plastic and metal bottle tops
-  ✓ Tins and cans
-  ✓ Aerosols
-  ✓ Aluminium foil (clean)
-  ✓ Juice and food cartons
-  ✓ Milk cartons

**NO THANKS!**

-  Carrier bags, bread bags and cling film
-  'Peel off' plastic lids
-  Polythene and bubble wrap
-  Plastic toys
-  Crisp packets and pet food pouches
-  Polystyrene packaging

What goes  
in my  
**CLEAR  
BAG**



**PAPER AND CARDBOARD:**

-  ✓ Cardboard and thin card
-  ✓ Paper, envelopes and junk mail
-  ✓ Newspapers and magazines
-  ✓ Shredded paper

**NO THANKS!**

-  Milk cartons
-  Juice and food cartons

To order new blue and clear bags,  
go to [gov.gg/recyclingbags](http://gov.gg/recyclingbags)  
or call **231234**.

**good to know**

If everyone in Guernsey recycled just **one** drinks can a day, the energy saved would power a TV in **every home** in the island for 4½ hours a day.



# Don't forget you can RECYCLE all of these items

## from your BATHROOM

**Top tip**

Remember to remove and put trigger spray and pump dispenser tops in your blue bag.

**good to know**



## from your KITCHEN

**good to know**

**Top tip**

Squash cans and bottles and flatten boxes to save space in your recycling.

## from your LOUNGE OR BEDROOM

**good to know**

**Top tip**

Recycle all the newspapers and envelopes from your living room.



# Recycling your FOOD WASTE is easy as 1-2-3

## Have you got the right equipment?

Before the start of the new service, you should receive a kitchen caddy, an outdoor food recycling bin\*, and a roll of caddy liners. If you have not received yours by 26th August, get in touch at [recycle@gov.gg](mailto:recycle@gov.gg) or call 231234.

**1** Line your kitchen caddy with one of the liners and put your food waste in it.



**Top tip**  
If you would rather use your own indoor container that's fine – do whatever works for you

**2** Whenever you need to empty your caddy, tie the top and put it in your outdoor food recycling bin.



**Top tip**  
Remember to not let your caddy get too full before emptying it

**3** Remember your food recycling bin comes with a lockable handle.

Only use the lockable container provided, please do not put your food waste out before your collection night.



Your recycling is really making a difference – thanks!

\*If you live in an apartment with a communal area for waste, you may not receive the outdoor food recycling bin. Check with your landlord or management agent.

What goes in my GLASS BAG



What goes in my REFUSE BAG



### GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS:



✓ Any glass bottles and jars – any colour.  
Please rinse out first

### NO THANKS!

- ✗ Garden and food waste
- ✗ Any items that can go in your recycling containers

### NO THANKS!

- ✗ Broken drinks glasses
- ✗ Window glass
- ✗ Pyrex cookware
- ✗ Crockery

**FOOD WASTE**  
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### NEW Household Waste Recycling Centre – opening in 2019

A new purpose-built facility is being constructed at Longue Hougue, where you will be able to drop off various household items to either be recycled or given a new lease of life. That includes old electrical appliances, bicycles, scrap metal, polythene, batteries, oil, paint, bricks and blocks, furniture and rigid plastic. You will also be able to drop off general rubbish there. For a full list of items that will be accepted at the new Household Waste Recycling Centre, and at the current temporary site, go to [gov.gg/recycling](http://gov.gg/recycling) or call 231234.

good to know

# Why recycle your food waste?

Every year, more than **4,000 tonnes** of food waste is thrown away by local households. Most of it we can avoid, with a little **planning** and some extra **care**, and by doing so can save a lot of money.

Any food waste we do get can be turned into something useful. It will be sent to a special processing plant in the south of England, and used to **generate electricity**. What is left will be turned into **fertiliser**, to get maximum benefit from the material.

good to know

The **electricity** and **fertiliser** produced from our food waste will be used in the UK. While we may not get the direct benefit, it does generate an income for the **processor** and that reduces the cost to us.

good to know

**6 recycled tea bags can produce enough electricity to boil a kettle for another cuppa.**

good to know

The average family spends around **£400 a month** on food shopping – you could save as much as **£50** of this simply by cutting out some of the waste.

**Top tip**  
Most of us think we don't waste much food, but it all adds up. Go to [LoveFoodHateWaste.gg](http://LoveFoodHateWaste.gg) for some money-saving tips.

# Food for thought

Remember there is **no amount too small**. The **best thing** we can do with our food is enjoy it but some waste like banana skins, tea bags and plate scrapings are inevitable.

