Dover District Council

Your Recycling Guide

Recycle Right. Every Time.

Everything you need to know about recycling, food and garden waste collections in Dover District.



Whether you're recycling at home, using your food waste service, or looking for ways to reduce waste, this guide will help you make the right choice.

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Recycle Right

Put these in your blue-lidded bin

- **Plastic bottles** (including shampoo and shower gel bottles)
- **Food tins & drink cans**
- **Aerosols & foils**
- **Food & drinks cartons**
- **Glass bottles and jars**
- **Plastic pots, tubs, trays & tubes**



Help us recycle more efficiently by removing lids from glass jars and bottles, allowing glass and metal to be sorted correctly.

Plastic lids can stay on plastic bottles.

Remember to empty and rinse all containers first.

Paper & Card Recycling

Place paper and cardboard in your black recycle box.



Flatten cardboard boxes and place in your recycling box.



Do not put these in your recycling bins

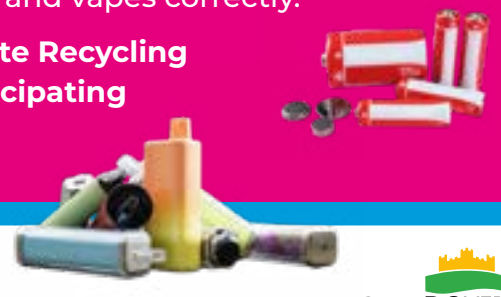
- ✖ Batteries
- ✖ Electrical items
- ✖ Vapes
- ✖ Food waste
- ✖ Nappies
- ✖ Garden Waste
- ✖ Soil and Rubble
- ✖ Plastic toys
- ✖ Clothes
- ✖ Food Waste
- ✖ Paints and oils
- ✖ Black sacks / plastic bags
- ✖ Paper and card

Warning

Electricals, batteries and vapes should never be put in your bins.

Keep your home, collection crews and vehicles **safe from fire,** by recycling electricals, batteries and vapes correctly.

Take vapes to a Household Waste Recycling Centre or return them to a participating vape shop for recycling.



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Food Waste Recycling



Almost all food can be recycled

- **Fruit and vegetables**
- **Meat, fish & bones**
- **Dairy products**
- **Bread, rice and pasta**
- **Leftovers**
- **Tea bags and coffee grounds**

Please use compostable bags or newspaper.

No plastic bags.

Small changes can make a big difference.

Here are some practical tips to help you reduce waste, save money, and benefit the environment.

- Write a list before you go shopping and only buy what you need and will use
- Buy loose fruit and vegetables and avoid items that are heavily packaged
- Use up leftovers for meals the next day.

Scan the QR code for inspiration on how you can use leftovers.

www.wrap.ngo/take-action/love-food-hate-waste

Collection Day

My collection day is...

To help ensure your waste is collected.

Please place your recycling and rubbish within **1m of your property entrance** by **7am on your collection day.**

Collection checklist

- **Ensure lids can close properly**
- **Keep access clear for collection crews**



Please Note: Your collection day may change over the festive period.

Please remember to put your waste out only on your scheduled collection day.

If waste is presented on a non-collection day, it will not be collected by the Council and may be considered an offence.

Residents who repeatedly put waste out on the wrong day could receive a fixed penalty notice of £80.

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Contaminated Waste

If the wrong items are placed in your recycling bin, it may not be collected.

- **Food waste**
- **Black sacks / plastic bags**
- **Nappies**
- **Electrical items**
- **Batteries and vapes**
- **Paper and card**



Putting the right items in your recycling bin helps ensure that more materials can be successfully recycled into new products.

If recycling contains items that cannot be accepted, the quality of the collected materials may be affected, reducing the amount that can be recycled.

Batteries



Batteries can be recycled at the kerbside with your other recycling. Simply place them in a battery recycling bag, or a clear food bag, and leave them on top of your black box on collection day.

Please keep button batteries separate from A/C/D batteries.

Free battery recycling bags are available from the Council Offices at White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ.

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Garden Waste

We offer a garden waste collection service where you can sign up to have your garden waste collected every two weeks. Please present your garden waste bin by 7am on your scheduled collection day.

We collect:

- **Grass cuttings**
- **Twigs and small branches** (branches must be smaller than 9cm in diameter)
- **Prunings and hedge clippings**
- **Flowers and plants**
- **Weeds** (except Japanese Knotweed and Ragwort)



For more information and to register for our garden waste service, scan the QR code or visit:

www.dover.gov.uk/garden-waste



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Need Help Recycling?

Not sure where an item goes?

Search our A-Z guide for recycling advice on hundreds of everyday items.

www.dover.gov.uk/recycling-a-to-z

Reuse, repair & recycle

Reuse

- Take your shopping bags with you when you go to the shops and remember to keep empty ones in your car.
- Use refillable water bottles and coffee cups.
- Keep sandwiches in a reusable lunch box instead of wrapped in foil.



Repair

Give broken items a second life before throwing them away. Visit the Dover and Deal Repair Cafés, where skilled volunteers provide free help to repair everyday items. From broken zips and children's bikes to well-loved teddies, bring your item along and see if it can be fixed.

Recycle

Make the most of opportunities to reduce waste. Recycle as much as possible through kerbside collections or your local recycling centre, donate or recycle unwanted clothes, and give items a new life by swapping, selling, sharing or passing them on to others.

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To learn more about reducing waste, scan the QR code or visit:

www.dover.gov.uk/reuse-repair-recycle