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**WE ARE
CHANGING
THE WAY WE
COLLECT
YOUR WASTE**

**FIND OUT HOW
THIS AFFECTS**

YOU





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About the changes

THE COUNCIL IS INTRODUCING A NEW WAY OF COLLECTING YOUR RECYCLING, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

Over the past few years we have made excellent progress in increasing the amount we recycle, but we are still falling short of reaching our targets.

In 2013/14 we recycled 48% of the waste we collected. Our target is to recycle 58% by 2016. We need all our residents to take part in our new recycling service in order to achieve this.

FOR 2013/14 WE ARE FACING POTENTIAL FINES OF £224,000 FOR THE SHORTFALL IN OUR RECYCLING TARGETS AND £24,600 FOR EXCEEDING OUR LANDFILL ALLOWANCE

What is being changed?



RECYCLING

Most residents will have an old green recycling box or a new black box. Please continue to use these. We have also delivered a new black sack for recycling cans and plastic. Use the handy table to find out what waste items goes where.

CONTAINER	WHAT TO PUT IN IT?	WHEN IS IT COLLECTED?
Blue reusable recycling sack (new)	Cans & plastics	Every week
Black/green Recycling box*	Paper	Every week
Black/green Recycling box*	Glass bottles & jars, Cardboard	Every week
Blue food waste containers	Food waste	Every week
Green reusable sack	Garden waste	Every two weeks

*All new recycling boxes are black, but some residents may still be using their green recycling box, this will still be collected.

WHEELIE BIN

Households have been issued with a 140 litre wheelie bin which will continue to be collected fortnightly.



LAST YEAR IN MERTHYR TYDFIL THE AMOUNT OF WASTE SENT TO LANDFILL WEIGHED THE SAME AS 820 DOUBLE DECKER BUSES.



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What can and can't go in your recycling containers

BLUE REUSABLE SACK

COLLECTED EVERY WEEK



YES PLEASE!

- Plastic bottles e.g. milk, drink, shampoo bottles
- Food containers e.g. yoghurt pots, margarine tubs
- Food trays (e.g. ready meal trays)
- Punnets
- Foil trays and containers free from food
- Food and drink cans
- Aerosols (empty)

NO THANKS!

- Plastic bags (including carrier bags, bread bags, frozen food bags, etc)*
- Plastic film/cling film/wrappers e.g. sweet and biscuit wrappers*
- Crisp packets/paper backed foil e.g. foil pouches*
- Bubble wrap*
- CD/DVD and video cases**
- Polystyrene**
- Toys and other hard plastic** (take to charity shop if still working)
- Coat hangers**
- Plant pots**
- Spray paint, gas canisters**

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL CONTAINERS ARE RINSED AND FREE FROM FOOD

IN 2013/14 RESIDENTS IN MERTHYR TYDFIL RECYCLED THE SAME WEIGHT OF CANS AS 6 FAMILY CARS EVERY MONTH.

* Use your wheelie bin ** Take to Household Waste Recycling Centre

RECYCLING BOXES

COLLECTED EVERY WEEK

Each household will have two recycling boxes, one for paper and one for glass bottles, jars and cardboard.

All new recycling boxes are black, but some residents may still be using their green recycling box, this will still be collected.



RECYCLING BOX – PAPER

YES PLEASE!

- Newspaper & magazines
- Telephone directories
- Catalogues
- Junk mail (inc. envelopes)

NO THANKS!

- Wallpaper*
- Wrapping paper*
- Tissues*
- Paper towels*
- Kitchen roll*

RECYCLING BOX – GLASS BOTTLES & JARS, CARDBOARD

YES PLEASE!

- Flattened cardboard boxes
- Cardboard packaging
- Food and drink cartons (Tetra Paks)
- Glass bottles and jars

NO THANKS!

- Ceramics, drinking glasses and pyrex**
- Glass panes**
- Light bulbs**
- Broken glass**
- Card contaminated with food*

* Use your wheelie bin

** Take to Household Waste Recycling Centre



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FOOD WASTE CADDY AND BIN

COLLECTED EVERY WEEK

By recycling food waste it can be turned into electricity to power homes and produce fertiliser.



YES PLEASE!

- All food waste
- Cooked and uncooked food
- Meat
- Tea bags
- Fish
- Bones
- Egg shells
- Liquids (e.g oil, drinks etc)

NO THANKS!

- Garden waste***
- Cut flowers***
- Plastic bags*

* Use your wheelie bin *** Use your garden waste sack

FOUR REASONS TO USE YOUR FOOD WASTE CADDY!

- 1** It's easy!
- 2** Caddies lock to stop pests getting access
- 3** It's collected once a week
- 4** Locks in smells

How can I recycle my food waste?

Step 1

Get the right equipment – you will need a kitchen caddy, food waste bags, and a food waste bin. Contact us if you need any of these items.



Step 2

Line your kitchen caddy with the bag.

Step 3

Place any food waste into the caddy, taking care to remove any packaging.



Step 4

When your kitchen caddy is full, empty into your larger food waste bin and put out for collection once a week.

IF EVERYONE IN MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL HAD USED THE FOOD WASTE SERVICE LAST YEAR, WE WOULD HAVE STOPPED THE SAME WEIGHT AS 30 JUMBO JETS WORTH OF FOOD FROM GOING TO LANDFILL



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GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS (GARDEN)

**FROM JUNE 2015, YOUR
GARDEN WASTE WILL BE
COLLECTED EVERY TWO WEEKS.**

The service is changing to a **seasonal collection** and will take place from April to November each year. Dates for your collections are included in the letter in your information pack.



Households that have been provided with a green (reusable) garden waste sack and use the scheme, can request an extra bag.

YES PLEASE!

- Leaves
- Flowers
- Plants
- Weeds
- Grass cuttings
- Hedge clippings
- Tree and shrub prunings
- Small branches

NO THANKS!

- Large branches/logs **
- Soil and turf**
- Invasive plants (Japanese knotweed, Hogweed, Ragwort)
- Stones**
- Household waste*
- Food waste (use your food waste bin)
- Animal waste (small amounts can be put in your wheelie bin)
- Wood**

* Use your wheelie bin

** Take to Household Waste Recycling Centre



WHEELIE BIN

**COLLECTED EVERY TWO WEEKS AND
NEEDS TO BE PUT OUT BY 7.00AM
ON YOUR COLLECTION DAY.**

Your bin will continue to be emptied **every two weeks**. Please use your recycling boxes, new reusable sack, food bin and reusable garden bags for most of your waste.

YES PLEASE!

- ✓ Dust from your vacuum cleaner
- ✓ Nappies and hygiene products
- ✓ Crisp packets, cereal bag packets and any other plastic film type packaging
- ✓ Small amounts of pet waste (please ensure it is double bagged)
- ✓ Any other non recyclable household waste
- ✓ Coal ash
- ✓ Broken glass
- ✓ Broken toys
- ✓ Polystyrene

NO THANKS!

- ✗ Recyclable materials*
- ✗ Garden Waste**
- ✗ Clothing***
- ✗ Food Waste****
- ✗ Electrical items***
- ✗ Rubble and soil*** - for larger amounts you should hire a skip
- ✗ Heavy metal items - i.e. fire extinguishers, bicycle parts***
- ✗ Wood***
- ✗ Car batteries/engine oil ***
- ✗ Clinical Waste - please contact us for further information

Please note the lid of your wheelie bin must be closed. Only one bin per property will be collected.

Side waste (rubbish outside of the bin) will not be collected.

* Use your recycling boxes/reusable sack

** Use your garden waste sack

*** Take to the Household Waste Recycling Centre

**** Use your food waste bins



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