



An easy guide to recycling



Recycling / bin collections



How do I find out if it's blue/black bag collection?

- Visit ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.wales to find out when we will collect your recycling/bins and if it is a blue or black bag collection. You can also print out a calendar showing blue / black bag weeks and sign up for email/text alerts to be kept up to date with changes to your service on bank holidays.
- Visit one of our Customer Service Centres where you can get more information and pick up a calendar.
- Call Carmarthenshire Direct on 01267 234567.

To help you recycle we provide the following:

- Blue bags, green food bin and a brown caddy for your kitchen.

Black bags are not provided.



Please make sure your waste is put out before **6am on the day of your collection** (and no earlier than 6pm the evening before).

Recycling / bin collections

Your blue recycling bags and black bags are collected on the same day, but on alternate weeks. Your food waste is collected weekly.



Please note:

Blue / black bags will not be collected from wheelie bins for health and safety reasons. Please put your blue / black bags out for collection at the kerbside. We will collect from ordinary dustbins, as long as the waste is bagged.



Blue Bags

You can put out as many blue bags as you like. Please keep all your recyclables dry and clean. Remember to wash and squash.

What goes in my blue bag?

Yes put it in...

Newspaper/magazines, catalogues, telephone directories, junk mail, writing paper, shredded paper, envelopes, food and drink cartons, cereal boxes, ready meal sleeves, cardboard boxes, toilet roll/kitchen roll tubes, egg boxes, food and drink cans, aerosols, plastic bottles, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, plastic punnets/ready meal trays, plastic coat hangers, jam jar lids, foil, plastic film

No leave it out...

Tissues/kitchen roll, food soaked card, saucepans, scrap metal, plastic bags, polystyrene, wallpaper, paint tins, clothes/shoes, glass, toys, wooden coat hangers, electrical items, video cassettes, cds/dvds, garden waste, nappies/sanitary products, pet food pouches/tray.



Blue Bags

If you run out of blue bags, it will be far quicker for you to collect them from any one of the 60 plus pick-up points throughout the county. You can also pick them up from any of our customer service centres and five recycling centres.

For your nearest pick-up point visit ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.wales or call 01267 234567. For those residents who are unable to collect them from the designated pick-up points you can order them online through i-Local or on the phone (as above).

All recycling bags with the wrong items in will be marked with a sticker and left behind.

Glass recycling

Please take your glass bottles and jars to your local recycling centre/bottle bank. If you are aged over 50 and need help please see page 12. If you have no way to get to a recycling bank, then wrap carefully and place in your black bags.

Never put glass in your blue bags as it is dangerous for our workers. Broken glass can also contaminate the blue bag which means it can no longer be sent for recycling.



Green bin - Food waste

We collect your food waste weekly. We provide a small brown caddy for your kitchen. When full, this can be emptied into the large green bin that can be kept outside. Do not put your brown caddy out for collection or leave it in your green bin.

What goes in my green bin?

If you have food waste, and let's face it most of us do, anything at all even just tea bags should be placed in your food caddy rather than your black bag as it is so important this waste does not go to landfill.

Cooked and uncooked food waste can be put in your green bin including:

- ✓ Food scraps
- ✓ Meat and fish including bones
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables including peelings
- ✓ Egg shells
- ✓ Tea bags and coffee grounds



Householders are responsible for the cleanliness of their bins. We recommend that you wrap the food in newspaper or kitchen roll, this also helps absorb some of the moisture and helps prevent the food sticking in the bin.

Green bin - Food waste

Alternatively you can purchase compostable liners.

These liners are available from various local shops and supermarkets as well as a number of online stockists.



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Please do not put your food waste in plastic bags (this includes biodegradable bags) as any plastic would contaminate the whole vehicle load which would then have to go to landfill.

Bins with the wrong items in will be tagged and left behind

To order a free replacement green bin/brown caddy visit local.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/apply-request, call 01267 234567 or visit one of our customer service centres.

Black bags

General household rubbish – that is, rubbish that cannot be recycled or composted is collected in black bags. This includes small amounts of hygiene waste such as incontinence pads and disposable bed pans; however, if you use a lot you may need an extra hygiene collection. **Do not put garden waste in black bags.**

Remember you are allowed to put out a maximum of four black bags* every fortnight. (Black bags are not provided).



To ensure your bags are collected:

- Put your bags out before 6am on your collection day (and no earlier than 6pm the evening before)
- Use standard size black bags
- Make sure they are not too heavy - if you have ash waste please email direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk or call us on 01267 234567
- If you have dog mess to dispose of make sure it is double bagged and mixed in with other types of waste
- Do not put your bags in wheelie bins. They will not be collected for health and safety reasons. We will collect from ordinary dustbins, as long as the waste is bagged.
- * If you are a large family and you are finding it difficult to keep to the four black bag limit please contact us on direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk or call 01267 234567.



Black bags

Missed Collections

To report a missed collection please wait until after 2pm on the day of your collection to give the crews enough time to have completed your area.

Before reporting a missed collection make sure:

- You have put out the correct bag on the correct week
- You have not put out more than 4 black bags
- It is not after a Bank Holiday and your collection day has changed
- Your bags/food bin were placed out for collection before 6am
- Finally, check if the rest of the street has been missed. If so, then it is likely the collection vehicle has broken down and your waste will be collected later or the next day.

To report a missed collection visit
ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/report
or call us on 01267 234567.

Garden Waste

Home composting is one of the most environmentally-friendly and cost-effective ways of dealing with garden waste. Around one third of our waste can be easily composted at home – from garden clippings to cardboard, tea bags and paper.

By composting instead of putting everything in your bin you can help us to greatly reduce the amount we send to landfill.



Compost bins can be purchased from us for £12 including delivery. Order yours online by visiting ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/apply-request or phone 01267 234567 (please have your credit/debit card handy when you call). You can also visit one of our four cash desks in Carmarthen, Llanelli, Ammanford and Llandeilo.

Look out for half-price sale events throughout the year.

If you cannot compost at home, please use your nearest recycling centre. If you cannot do either, garden waste can be collected weekly in pre-purchased county council bags. These cost £3.50 for 20 and are available from the council's cash desks or from a number of community outlets. Visit ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/my-nearest to find out where you can buy garden waste bags.

The current collection of garden waste sacks will cease October 2016. It will be replaced with a new scheme in April 2017.

Garden Waste

What can I put in my garden waste bags?



Yes put it in...

Grass cuttings, weeds, small prunings and twigs, leaves, dead plants.



No leave it out...

Stones/gravel, soil, branches, Japanese Knotweed, plastic seed trays/pots, animal waste/bedding, vegetable peelings, food waste, glass/metal.

Please note the bags are made from starch to break down in the composting process so they are not suitable for heavy or thorny waste and cannot be stored for long periods.



We take all your food and garden waste to a central composting facility at Nantycaws, Carmarthen, where it is turned into compost or soil conditioner to be reused. This is available to buy at the following recycling centres: Nantycaws, Trostre, Wernddu and Whitland.

Help for older / disabled people

If you are elderly, infirm or disabled and need help with your rubbish, we can make arrangements to collect your waste from the doorstep or a mutually convenient location.

Visit www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/recycling for more information or call 01267 234567.



If you are aged over 50 and need assistance to recycle glass contact Age Cymru Sir Gâr on 01554 784080 or email info@agecymrusirgar.org.uk



Bulky Waste



Bulky waste is waste that you cannot fit into a bin or bag. Examples of bulky waste include beds, carpets, fridges, freezers and wardrobes.

If you have a washing machine, cooker or tumble dryer and dishwasher to get rid of, Gwyn i Wyrdd will collect for a charge of £10 (for up to three appliances). Gwyn i Wyrdd is a local reuse and repair scheme for white goods appliances. Go to www.gwyniwyrrd.co.uk or call 01269 845685.

We provide a bulky waste collection and will collect up to three items for £25. Please fill in our online form at ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/apply-request or call 01267 234567.

It may be quicker to take the items to your nearest recycling centre, free of charge.



Clinical waste

Clinical Waste includes the following types of waste. This waste cannot be placed into black bags and must be collected by Hywel Dda University Health Board. If you require a collection of this type of waste from your home please visit www.naturaluk.co.uk/hyweldda or call 01269 845554

- Identifiable human tissue
- Blood
- Animal carcasses and tissue from veterinary centres, hospitals or laboratories
- Soiled surgical dressings, swabs and other similar soiled waste
- Discarded syringe needles
- Cartridges
- Broken glass and any other contaminated disposable sharp instruments or items
- Drugs or other pharmaceutical products
- Potentially infected waste from pathology departments and other clinical or research laboratories

Warning: clinical waste must never be placed in household waste bags.

Hygiene Waste

Hygiene waste includes the following types of waste, which can be placed in black bags, however if you have a large amount of this waste and require a free weekly hygiene waste collection from your home please contact Carmarthenshire Direct on 01267 234567 or email direct@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

- Items used to dispose of urine, faeces and other bodily secretions or excretions including:
- Disposable bed pans
- Bed pan liners
- Incontinence pads
- Stoma bags
- Urine containers

This does not include children's nappies.

Recycling Centres / tip



There are five main recycling centres in Carmarthenshire at:

- Llangadog
- Nantycaws, Carmarthen
- Trostre, Llanelli
- Wernddu, Ammanford
- Whitland

You can take the following items to our main recycling centres / tip:



Glass, cans, paper, textiles, books, shoes, cardboard, plastic, scrap metal, green waste, juice cartons, cooking & engine oil, car batteries, household batteries, mobile phones, printer cartridges, fridges, electrical items, wood, bikes, furniture, polystyrene, rags & household textiles, CDs & DVDs, paint, fluorescent tubes, asbestos, low energy light bulbs, gas bottles, plasterboard, rubble, carpet, mattresses, tyres.

Please note Llangadog does not accept paint or asbestos and Wernddu does not accept gas bottles or tyres.

If you have missed your blue bag collection, you can also take your blue bags to the recycling centres except Llangadog.

We also have recycling banks across the county. To find your nearest please visit ilocal.carmarthenshire.gov.wales or call 01267 234567