Your new Separated Recycling collections service

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What's changing?

Your home is changing to the new **Separated Recycling collections service.**

You'll need to sort your recycling into your new separate reusable sacks and bags.

We've given you:

- a **reusable red sack** for your **metals**, **plastics** and **cartons**
- a **reusable orange sack** for your **cardboard**
- a **reusable blue sack** for your **paper**
- a **roll of red bags** for your **plastic bags and wrapping**
- a **small reusable white sack** for your **household batteries**

We'll no longer collect your recycling in single-use blue bags.

We'll collect your recycling **every week.**

This includes your:

- **glass bottles and jars** from your existing **black box** (which we will collect every week instead of every three weeks)
- **food waste** from your existing **food bin** (which we already collect every week)

Your collection days for food waste and recycling might change.

We'll continue to collect up to 3 black bags of non-recyclable waste from your home every three weeks, but **your collection day and/or week might change.**

If you receive hygiene and nappy waste and/or garden waste collections, your collection days for these services will stay the same.

Spare blue bags?
If you have any spare single-use blue bags after you start using your new recycling sacks and bags, please give them to family or friends who aren't yet using the new service, or you can return them to any of the Council's Hwbs in Carmarthen, Llanelli or Ammanford.



Check your collection dates anytime!

Scan the QR code or visit
www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/recycling
to download your collections calendar

You can also sign up to receive **FREE** email or text message reminders for your recycling and waste collections
www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/reminders



What goes where?

Food waste





Yes please

- Used teabags and coffee grounds
- Eggshells
- Fruit skins and vegetable peelings
- Raw and cooked meat and fish, including bones and shells
- Plate scrapings
- Stale bread
- Leftovers that can't be safely stored to eat later
- Food that's no longer safe to eat
- Pet food

No thank you

- Packaging of any kind
- Any material that's not food waste
- Liquids such as milk - you may pour small amounts of liquid food or drinks down the sink, ideally alongside a small amount of water to ensure the waste runs away easily, without causing blockages

Please take these items to your local Recycling Centre in a suitable container:

- Liquid oils or fats

Please put these items in your red sack for metals, plastics and cartons:

- Coffee pods

Please remember:

- When you need more food waste caddy liners for your food caddy, tie one around the handle of your food waste bin. On your next collection day, we'll leave a new roll either on or next to your bin.

We collect your **food waste** from your home **every week.**

What goes where?

Glass bottles and jars



Yes please

- Glass bottles, such as those used for beer, wine and soft drinks
- Glass jars, such as those used for baby food and sauces
- Non-food and drink glass bottles and jars, such as those used for perfume, aftershave and face creams

Please remember:

- Empty and rinse glass items
- Remove any metal or plastic caps or lids and put these in your red sack for metals, plastics and cartons

No thank you

Please take these items to your local Recycling Centre or put them in your black bags:

- Ceramics or china
- Drinking glasses
- Light bulbs
- Flat glass, such as windows
- Mirrors
- Glass cookware, such as Pyrex
- Microwave plates
- Vases
- Nail varnish bottles
- Broken glass

Please remember:

- Wrap these items safely in old newspaper or kitchen roll, or put them inside two bags, to protect collection crews

We collect your **glass bottles and jars** from your home **every week.**

What goes where?

Metals, plastics and cartons



Yes please

Metals

- Drinks cans, such as those used for beer and soft drinks
- Food tins, such as those used for beans and soup
- Metal chocolate and biscuit tins, and their lids
- Empty aerosols
- Clean foil sheets and trays
- Clean aluminium coffee pods

Plastics

- Black and brown plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays
- Plastic skincare and toiletry bottles, such as those used for hand wash, body wash, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner and bubble bath
- Plastic cleaning product bottles, such as those used for bleach, washing-up liquid, laundry detergent and fabric conditioner, and tubs that hold laundry washing capsules and tablets
- Plastic drinks bottles, such as those used for soft drinks, milk and water
- Plastic pots, such as cream and yoghurt pots
- Plastic tubs, such as butter, margarine, chocolate, sweet and ice cream tubs
- Plastic trays, such as cake, muffin and meat trays
- Plastic punnets, such as fruit and vegetable punnets
- Plastic takeaway trays and lids
- Plastic bottles from your garage, greenhouse or shed, such as non-toxic liquid plant food bottles

Cartons

- Food and drink cartons, such as those used for fruit juice, milk and soup



No thank you ✖

Please take these items to your local Recycling Centre:

- Metal pots, pans or cutlery
- E-cigarettes or vapes and their batteries
- Hard plastics, such as garden chairs, children's toys, kitchen bins, washing-up bowls, plant pots or Tupperware containers
- Lighters
- Gas canisters
- Polystyrene

Please put these items in your black bags:

- Netting used to package fruit and vegetables
- Blister packs used to package pills, tablets or capsules
- Non-electric toothbrushes
- Plastic razors - wrap these items safely in old newspaper or kitchen roll, or put them inside two bags, to protect collection crews

Please remember:

- Remove any pumps from toiletry bottles and put these in your black bags
- Remove any plastic film and put this in your red plastic bags
- Remove any absorbent pads, such as those used for meat trays, and put these in your black bags
- Empty and rinse metal and plastic items
- Safely squash plastic and carton items to make them smaller, if possible
- Make sure aerosols are empty
- Make sure foil is clean

We collect your **metals, plastics and cartons** from your home **every week.**

What goes where?

Cardboard





Yes please

- Cardboard boxes, such as those used for cereals, cakes, dishwasher tablets, shoes, tissues, toiletries, and toothpaste
- Toilet roll tubes
- Egg cartons
- Card sleeves used to package foods, including ready-meals and multipacks
- Greeting cards that don't have badges, bows, foil, glitter or ribbons
- Cardboard backing from packs of batteries and toothbrushes
- Online delivery boxes and cardboard envelopes
- Brown parcel and wrapping paper

No thank you

Please put these items in your black bags:

- Food, oil, grease or paint contaminated cardboard, such as pizza boxes
- Greeting cards that have badges, bows, foil, glitter or ribbons that can't be removed
- Wrapping paper with bows or glitter

Please put these items in your red sack for metals, plastics and cartons:

- Food or drink cartons, such as those used for fruit juice, milk or soup

Please remember:

- Cut and flatten large cardboard to ensure it fits in your sack, where possible. We will collect extra cardboard put alongside your sack - as long as it stays dry - but it must not be larger than 1m x 1m
- Keep cardboard as dry as possible

We collect your **cardboard** from your home **every week.**

What goes where?

Paper





Yes please

- Letters
- White envelopes, with and without windows
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Brochures and catalogues
- Printer paper
- Small quantities of shredded paper, such as receipts and household bills - please put this in a container made of paper, such as a white paper bag or white envelope, then put it in your blue sack

Please remember:

- Keep paper as dry as possible

No thank you

Please put these items in your black bags:

- Kitchen roll, paper towels or tissues
- Scratch cards
- Sticky papers, such as Post-it notes, sticky labels or paper tape
- Wallpaper
- Wrapping paper with bows or glitter
- Food, oil, grease or paint contaminated paper
- Wet paper of any kind

Please put these items in your orange sack for cardboard:

- Brown paper
- Brown envelopes

We collect your **paper** from your home **every week.**

What goes where?

Plastic bags and wrapping










Yes please

- Plastic bags, such as carrier bags, pasta bags, pet food bags and parcel bags
- Crisp and nut packets
- Biscuit packets, chocolate and sweet wrappers
- Bread bags
- Cereal box liners
- Plastic labels and wrapping from drinks bottles
- Ready meal film lids and similar plastic films
- Frozen food bags
- Magazine and newspaper wrapping
- Multipack wrapping, such as that used for crisp packets, water bottles and bags of sweets
- Shrink wrap and rings from around bottles and cans
- Dry cleaning bags and bags covering new clothing
- Plastic packaging used for delivering household items, such as that used for home and kitchen appliances
- Garden compost and topsoil bags
- Fruit, salad and vegetable bags, such as loose produce bags and pre-packed bags
- Wrapping from toilet roll and kitchen roll packs
- Cling film
- Pouches and sachets, such as those used for microwavable rice, drinks, baby/pet food, and sharing bags of sweets
- Pouches and sachets used for cleaning products, such as those used for dishwasher and laundry tablets
- Bubble wrap



No thank you ✖

Please put these items in your black bags:

- Plastic netting used for fruit or vegetables
- Plastic straws or cutlery
- Disposable gloves or masks
- Blister packs used to package pills, tablets or capsules
- Pet waste



Please remember:

- Place items loosely into your red bags. Don't tie items together or put them inside other bags. Keeping items loose helps us sort and recycle them more easily
- When your bag is full, tie it securely with a double knot to prevent its contents from escaping
- Put your tied bag inside your reusable red sack, with your metals, plastics and cartons

When you need more red bags, please order them online. You can choose to have them delivered to your home or collect them from your local Hwb.

carmarthenshire.gov.wales/apply

We collect your **plastic bags and wrapping** from your home **every week.**

What goes where?

Household batteries



Yes please

- Household batteries, such as AAA, AA, B, C, D, DD and 9V batteries



No thank you

Please take these items to your local Recycling Centre:

- E-cigarettes or vapes and their batteries
- Car batteries
- Battery chargers
- Lithium button/coin batteries, such as those used for watches or car key fobs
- Chargeable batteries, such as those from laptops or power tools

Please remember:

- Place household batteries loosely into your small white sack
- Attach your small white sack to one of your other sacks on your collection day

We collect your **household batteries** from your home **every week.**

What goes where?

Hygiene and nappy waste





Scan the QR code for more information or to sign up to this free collections service.

Yes please

- Disposable nappies
- Associated nappy changing rubbish, such as cotton wool, wet wipes, and nappy bags
- Incontinence products, such as disposable bed pans and liners, incontinence pads, and bed and chair pads
- Colostomy/stoma bags, catheter bags and urine bottles
- Single-use aprons and gloves
- Feeding tubes

No thank you

Please put these items in your black bags:

- Plasters or bandages
- Sanitary waste
- Animal waste

We don't provide a collection for needles and syringes. Please contact your local health board, district nurse team or NHS 111 for advice.

Please remember:

- When your bag is full, tie it securely with a double knot to prevent its contents from escaping
- If your bag has split or leaked, put it inside another purple bag before placing it at your collection point
- If you need more purple bags, visit:

www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/purple-bags

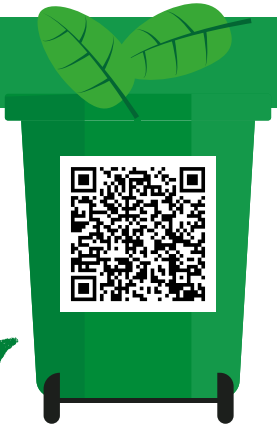
We collect your **hygiene and nappy waste** from your home **every two weeks,** if you've signed up to this service.
To check your collection dates, visit our website.

What goes where?

Garden waste







Scan the QR code for more information or to sign up to this chargeable collections service. Remember, you can take your garden waste to your local recycling centre for free all year round.

Yes please

- Hedge, tree and shrub cuttings
- Roots
- Grass cuttings and rakings
- Leaves
- Plants
- Flowers and weeds

Please arrange for a specialist contractor to collect invasive weeds, such as Japanese knotweed or bamboo, and dispose of it safely.

No thank you

Please put these items in your black bags:

- Pet waste, such as cat litter
- Pet bedding

Please put these items in your food waste bin:

- Food waste, such as tea bags or fruit skins

Please take these items to your local Recycling Centre:

- Brick, rubble, soil or stone
- Fences
- Sheds or posts
- Tree stumps or branches over 4 inches (10cm) in diameter
- Any garden furniture, whether plastic or wooden

We collect your **garden waste** from your home **every two weeks** between February and December, if you've signed up to this service. To check your collection dates, visit our website.

What goes where?

Non-recyclable waste







Yes please

- Wet wipes
- Pet waste, such as cat litter
- Pet bedding
- Plasters or bandages
- Sanitary waste
- Cigarette butts
- Vacuum waste
- Tissues
- All remaining household waste that can't be recycled from home or at your local Recycling Centre

No thank you

- Any items that can be recycled from home using your Council provided collections or those that can be recycled at your local Recycling Centre

Please remember:

- Use black bags with a maximum capacity of 60 litres per bag for your non-recyclable waste
- When your bag is full, tie it securely with a double knot to prevent its contents from escaping
- You may put out up to 3 black bags every three weeks

Don't put extra waste next to or on top of your black bags.
This is known as **'side waste'.**
We don't collect 'side waste' and you may have to pay a fine.

We collect your **non-recyclable waste** from your home **every three weeks.**
To check your collection dates, visit our website or check your collections calendar.

How should I present my recycling and non-recyclable waste on my collection days?

- Put the correct items in the correct sacks and containers. **(See pages 4 to 15 for 'what goes where?')**
- Tie your food waste caddy liners, red bags and black bags securely.
- Close the lids on your bins and the flaps on your sacks to prevent your recycling from escaping and to keep items as dry as possible.
- Use only the Council-provided bins, liners, boxes, sacks and bags for your recycling. Don't use any other type of container.
- Place your sacks and containers at your collection point **before 6am** on your collection day.
- Collect your bins, boxes and sacks from your collection point.

How may I get more support?

We are here to help. If you have any questions:

Scan the QR code

Visit www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/contact-us

Call us on 01267 234567 (Monday to Friday, 8.30am-6pm)

Visit one of the Council's Hwbs or Hwb Bach y Wlad