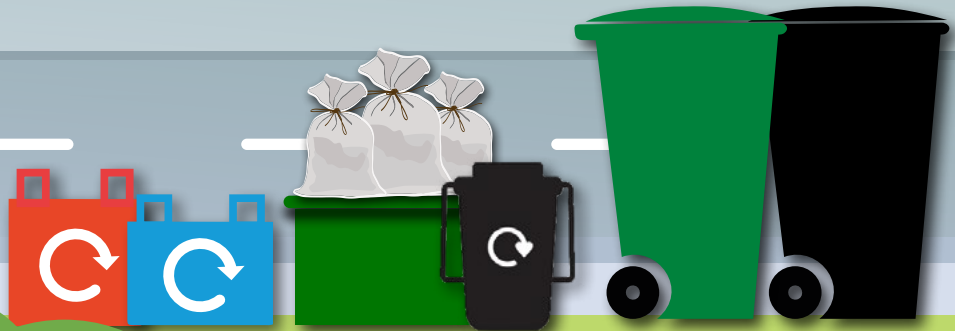


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You have been selected for an
exciting **red recycling bag** trial!



What is happening?

Bath & North East Somerset Council is trialling a new recycling bag with 500 households. As a trial household, you will be given a new, reusable red bag for recycling. Please use this as well as your existing recycling boxes. Your new red bag is for recycling household plastic packaging such as bottles, pots, tubs and trays, as well as all household metal packaging such as tins, cans, foil and empty aerosols. This makes recycling much easier. Plastic and cans go in the new red recycling bag, paper and glass in your green recycling box and cardboard and brown paper in your blue recycling bag.

Why are we doing a trial?

We are starting a new trial to make recycling easier for you and our collection crews.

Here's what we aim to achieve:

Cleaner Streets: Properly sorted materials mean less litter and spillage, leading to cleaner and more attractive streets.

Better Material Separation: New bags are designed to separate materials effectively. Clear labels help you know which container to use. Efficient separation of plastics and cans reduces contamination, and faster collections mean less disruption on collection days.

Cost Savings: The new bags are cost-effective. Unlike boxes, which are expensive and often used for other purposes, these bags are a better solution.

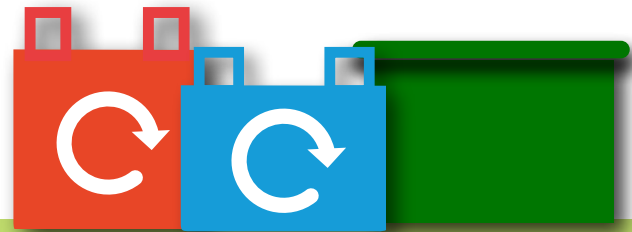


When do we start using the bag?

You should start using your new red recycling bag straight away. Put it out with your next recycling collection alongside your green recycling box and blue recycling bag. They will be emptied every week on your usual collection day.

Why a bag?

- Reusable recycling bags are used successfully in lots of other areas including Bristol, Somerset and Devon.
- Bags take up less space.
- Recycling boxes are becoming much more expensive for the council to buy and are easily damaged. This trial is an opportunity to see if bags could provide a more sustainable option.



Useful information

Keep up to date with all things recycling and waste:

Facebook: [Recycleforbathnes](#)

Check out our dedicated recycling and waste section with lots more helpful information at www.bathnes.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

Check when your bins and boxes are collected and download your calendar www.bathnes.gov.uk/webforms/waste/collectionday/



Where to put your weekly recycling

Red bag



Household plastic and metal packaging

Mixed together, loose, empty and rinsed. No plastic wrappers, bags or black plastic.

Green box



Mixed glass bottles, jars and paper

Keep glass separate to paper. No wrapping paper, broken glass, drinking glasses, light bulbs or sheet glass.

Blue bag



Cardboard

Cardboard, food and drink cartons and brown paper. No polystyrene or cardboard larger than blue bag (can be cut to size).

Bag separately



Small appliances, batteries, mixed textiles & clothes, e-cigarettes & vapes and print cartridges

Bag separately and tie loosely to keep dry. Place on top or beside your green boxes. No black bags.

Food bin



Food waste

Bag or wrap all food waste. You can also use bread bags and carrier bags or newspaper – no extra strength carrier bags or black bags.

- ✓ Drinks bottles
- ✓ Food pots, tubs and trays
- ✓ Cleaning product bottles
- ✓ Food tins
- ✓ Aluminium foil
- ✓ Drinks cans
- ✓ Aerosol cans

- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Glass jars
- ✓ Newspapers and magazines
- ✓ Paper, junk mail and envelopes
- ✓ Greetings cards

- ✓ Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- ✓ Food and drink cartons
- ✓ Brown paper

- ✓ Small electrical items
- ✓ Disposable vapes
- ✓ Resuable vapes (remove battery)
- ✓ Cables
- ✓ Batteries
- ✓ Good quality clothes and paired shoes
- ✓ Spectacles and sunglasses

- ✓ Bread
- ✓ Dairy
- ✓ Fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Leftovers
- ✓ Egg shells
- ✓ Tea and coffee
- ✓ Meat and bones
- ✓ Fish